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GM509

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE CHAIRPERSON
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
JOBIE MASAGATANI, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-31-2018**

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

February 23, 2015

1:15 p.m.

Room 224

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** GM509, which would confirm Jobie Masagatani as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, for a term to expire December 31, 2018.

Under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA), the United States and the State of Hawai'i are entrusted with the solemn duty to administer the HHCA on behalf of native Hawaiian beneficiaries. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) accordingly administers approximately 200,000 acres of Hawaiian Home Lands Trust land set aside under the HHCA for residential, agricultural, and pastoral use by native Hawaiian beneficiaries, for whom there are 10,000 existing homestead leases statewide, with 40,000 waitlist applications.

With this kuleana in mind, OHA supports the confirmation of Ms. Masagatani as Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, and Mr. William Ailā, Jr., as Deputy Director of the DHHL. OHA believes that together, Ms. Masagatani and Mr. Ailā will provide the vision and leadership necessary to guide the DHHL, the Hawaiian Homes Commission, and the State, in fulfilling their fiduciary duties to Native Hawaiians under the HHCA.

Ms. Masagatani's educational and professional background evidences her considerable qualifications to serve as the DHHL Director and Chair of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. A graduate of Kamehameha Schools, she earned a B.S. in Education from Northwestern University, and a master's degree in Public Affairs/Urban and Regional Planning from Princeton University. She has served as an assistant to the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Queen's Health Systems, where her area of focus was Native Hawaiian health. She has also served as a Land Investment Analyst for Kamehameha Schools and as Special Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

In addition, Ms. Masagatani previously served as the DHHL Deputy Director from 1995 to 2002, and as the DHHL Director and Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission from 2012 to the present. There have been a number of notable

accomplishments during her term as the DHHL Director, including the successful completion of extensive beneficiary consultations that resulted in the development and adoption of a DHHL Water Policy, as well as the development and adoption of the O‘ahu Island Plan. Under her leadership, DHHL is also implementing the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust Strategic Goals and Objectives 2012-2017. Finally, in response to long-standing concerns, a moratorium has been placed on the issuance of any new revocable permits until beneficiary consultations occur, and the Hawaiian Homes Commission takes action on any subsequent proposals to reform the DHHL Revocable Permit Program.

Allowing Ms. Masagatani to continue her service at DHHL would provide critical continuity and consistency in leadership, in addressing the numerous issues DHHL and the Hawaiian Homes Commission face. DHHL and the Hawaiian Homes Commission have a difficult mandate, to manage a vast amount of land on behalf of a large number of beneficiaries, for a program that has been historically severely underfunded. Ms. Masagatani’s educational background in urban and regional planning and public affairs, her professional experience conducting land investment analysis with Kamehameha Schools, her demonstrated ability and commitment to successfully work for Native Hawaiian beneficiaries, and her previous service at DHHL have enabled her to help DHHL and the Hawaiian Homes Commission better meet such a difficult mandate. Confirming her reappointment as the DHHL Director will provide her with the opportunity to continue applying her skills and experience to fulfilling the state’s duties under the HHCA, and to carry out the numerous progressive initiatives started during her tenure.

Therefore, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** GM509. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

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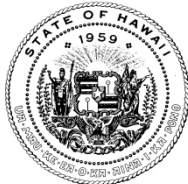
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Testimony of
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February 23, 2015
1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 224

G.M. 509

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOBIE MASAGATANI, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL).

As the current DHHL Chairperson, Ms. Masagatani's experience makes her especially well-positioned to profit from the gains achieved during the last four years. The depth and breadth of her understanding of the issues and challenges facing DHHL demonstrate that she has the right stuff. She brings to DHHL the type of leadership needed at this time. She has the know-how, skills, and integrity to maintain the balance of the mission, resources, and interest of the department.

The critical and demanding issues that DHHL faces will require the thoughtful consideration, focus, and resolve that Ms. Masagatani has always shown in public service. Her commitment to uphold DHHL's sacred trust and responsibility for Native Hawaiians is without question. Having worked with Ms. Masagatani, it is with the highest regard that we endorse her confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE

AND BY RODERICK K. BECKER
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE

STATE OF HAWAII

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
ON
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 509

February 23, 2015
1:15 P.M.

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE
CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JOBIE MASAGATANI

Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committee:

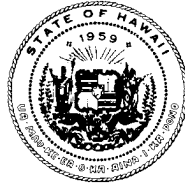
We support the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani to the position of Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Governor Ige's administration is committed to addressing the many issues facing our state in a direct and forthright manner. We will strive to do the right thing, the right way to achieve our shared goal of a healthy, sustainable economy to support our kupuna, ourselves, and our children.

Jobie Masagatani is an integral part of a team that is committed to achieving the goals of this administration in an honest, transparent, accountable, and responsive manner. Therefore, we support her confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



CRAIG K. HIRAI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

STATE OF HAWAII

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Statement of
Craig K. Hirai
Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation
Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

February 23, 2015 at 1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 224

In consideration of
G.M. 509

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE
CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JOBIE MASAGATANI.**

I am honored to offer support for Jobie Masagatani as the Chairperson for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Chairperson Masagatani's willingness to work collaboratively with HHFDC to develop affordable housing is refreshing. We find her to be principled, yet flexible, in finding ways to help DHHL beneficiaries and the broader community.

I ask for your favorable consideration and confirmation of Chairperson Masagatani to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



February 23, 2015

The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
And Members
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
415 South Beretania Street, Conference Room 224
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RE: G.M. 509 - FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE
CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME
LANDS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JOBIE MASAGATANI**

Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the confirmation of Ms. Jobie Masagatani as Chairperson for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I have previously worked with Ms. Masagatani for the last two plus years while she has served as the chair for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). Ms. Masagatani has proven herself to be a focused and fair chair that has had to endure a lot of unwarranted personal attacks while trying to resolve and address many long-standing problems within DHHL. Her diplomacy and patience under such trials and tribulations demonstrates her soundness as a leader. I believe she has the right temperament and background familiarity to continue to be successful in the role.

Ms. Masagatani has an extensive background that includes experience and involvement in various areas of the Hawaiian community and multiple stints working on DHHL executive management. She has already clearly demonstrated her qualifications and credentials to be the Chair of the DHHL - she has done so through proven experience.

I believe Ms. Masagatani's expertise will continue to bring value and leadership to the DHHL. The State will benefit from her continued focus to improve and evolve the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I urge the members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs to support her selection by voting favorably on her nomination and advancing G.M. 509 for full Senate confirmation.

Sincerely,


KALBERT K. YOUNG
VP for B&F/CFO



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

To: The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

Re: GM509 (Jobie Masagatani)
Date: Monday, February 23, 2015
Time: 1:15 p.m.
Place: State Capitol, Room 224

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria, and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of the nomination of Jobie Masagatani as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

As the Representative of District 44 encompassing Waianae, Makaha, Makua, and Maili, which includes Hawaiian Homestead communities in Waianae, it is important that the Chairperson of DHHL has the knowledge and experience to fulfill DHHL's mission of managing the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust and developing and delivering land to native Hawaiians. My main support for Ms. Masagatani is the experience she brings as DHHL Director since 2012 and previous DHHL Deputy Director from 1995-2002. This experience is vital to ensuring that DHHL priorities and initiatives continue in contrast to the continual shifting priorities that DHHL has experienced with each change in Administration. I have personally worked with Ms. Masagatani over the past four years and I believe her commitment and dedication to serving native Hawaiians makes her the ideal candidate for Chairperson of DHHL.

It is my honor and privilege to submit this testimony in support of Ms. Masagatani's nomination. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Jo Jordan, Representative
44th District
Waianae, Makaha, Makua, Maili



Department of Land and Natural Resources
Aha Moku Advisory Committee
State of Hawaii

**Testimony of
Les Kuloloio, Chair
Aha Moku Advisory Committee**

**Before the Senate Committee on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Monday, February 23, 2015
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 509- SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS
CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, JOBIE MASAGATANI, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2018.**

The Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) expresses its support for the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani to serve as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homesteads.

AMAC, through its attachment to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) works closely with Native Hawaiian communities on natural and cultural resources. We have worked with homestead communities who are also moku and ahupua'a residents who are involved with watershed protection and water issues.

Ms. Masagatani has worked well with DLNR and has been open to discussions on different resources on the islands where Hawaiian Homesteads are. We look forward to working with Ms. Masagatani in the future and support her nomination.



KO`OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

February 21, 2015

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF G.M. 509
Appointment of Jobie Masagatani as Director
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro, Chair
And Members, Hawaiian Affairs Committee

From: Alice P. Hewett, President
Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

Aloha mai kakou!

The Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club offers its strong support for the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Our club has found Ms. Masagatani to be a hard-working, committed public servant. She has initiated a number of improvements at DHHL that will hopefully make the department more accountable to its beneficiaries and to the State of Hawai`i. This has been no easy task, as the DHHL has had a long history of missteps and problems that will certainly take a bit of time to course-correct.

This has not always made Ms. Masagatani popular with some of the staff, certain commissioners, or some homesteaders. Assessing problems and making changes to correct them inevitably cause disruption and concern; it was to be expected. She deserves the opportunity to continue her forward movement to make the DHHL a better agency and in much better command of its Trust responsibilities.

We urge your favorable vote for her confirmation.

Mahalo nui loa.

The Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club was established in 1937 and is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the history, heritage and culture of Native Hawaiians. Its membership is open to people of Hawaiian ancestry and those who are "Hawaiian at heart".



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February 19, 2015

The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
Senate Committee On Hawaiian Affairs
State Capitol, Room 222
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Senate Committee On Hawaiian Affairs:

SUBJECT: Testimony In Support of Governor's Message 509 Relating to the Confirmation of Ms. Jobie Masagatani as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

I am submitting written testimony in strong support of Ms. Jobie Masagatani's confirmation as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). Ms. Masagatani is uniquely qualified to lead this important Hawaiian agency. She knows the inter-workings of the Department, understands State government and the native Hawaiian community, and is committed to moving the Hawaiian home lands program forward.

I worked at DHHL for nearly nineteen years; serving as Planning Administrator, Executive Assistant and Deputy to the Chairperson. I know, first hand, the many challenges inherent in running this complex state agency. During my tenure at DHHL I worked closely with Ms. Masagatani for eight years. She has proven that she has the leadership skills needed to handle the job. She knows the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act; the homestead application and awards processes; the loan programs; the leasing and land management requirements; the budgeting and fiscal accounting procedures; and the planning and construction processes at the department.

Senate confirmation of her appointment will allow her to continue to move forward with the plans and initiatives she has already started. She is experienced in working with the Hawaiian Homes Commission, the State Legislature, the SCHHA and other Hawaiian homestead and applicant groups, and other Hawaiian organizations. All of these skills are needed to successfully lead DHHL. Equally important, she will provide continued stability within the Department. DHHL's hardworking employees believe in and support her leadership and commitment to the mission of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.

I humbly urge your favorable confirmation of Ms. Jobie Masagatani as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Aloha and Mahalo,

Ben Henderson
President and Executive Director

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Testimony to the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs Monday, February 23, 2015 1:15 p.m. State Capitol - Conference Room 224

RE: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES NO. 509 AND 510, CONFIRMATION AS CHAIRPERSON AND DEPUTY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

Chair Shimabukuro and Vice Chair Galuteria and members of the committee:

My name is Gladys Marrone, Chief Executive Officer for the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii), the Voice of the Construction Industry. We promote our members through advocacy and education, and provide community outreach programs to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. BIA-Hawaii is a not-for-profit professional trade organization chartered in 1955, and affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders.

BIA-Hawaii **strongly supports** the nominations of Ms. Jobie Masagatani as the Chairperson, and Mr. William Aila as Deputy, of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

Ms. Masagatani brings a wealth of experience both in the business community and in native Hawaiian issues. She just recently served as Chairperson of DHHL since 2013, and also previously served as DHHL's Deputy Director from 1995 to 2002. Ms. Masagatani previously served as a Land Investment Analyst for Kamehameha Schools.

She also previously served as the Special Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer, at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) and as an Assistant to the President and CEO of The Queen's Health Systems, where her area of focus was Native Hawaiian health.

Mr. Aila has been involved in not only the Native Hawaiian community, but the community at large through his years of experience as the Harbor Master with the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and, most recently, as the Chairperson of the DLNR.

We believe this "team" is well suited to lead the DHHL because they bring a commitment to providing housing to Native Hawaiian beneficiaries while balancing the financial obligations of developing these communities.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our support on these nominations.

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To the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs (HWN)
In support of Gubernatorial Nominee, JOBIE MASAGATANI, For Chairperson of the Department
of Hawaiian Home Lands (GM 509)

February 23, 2015

Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Jobie Masagatani and the confirmation of her appointment to lead the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Ms. Masagatani's leadership is good for this Department. If you consider the accomplishments of the DHHL under her administration for the last two years as well as her work as the deputy at the DHHL from 1995 to 2002, you will understand that we will all gain from her leadership over the next four years. We have been Lessee's of the Hawaiian Homes Department for 20 years. We have nothing but respect for the professional manner in which we have had a Lessor/Lessee relationship.

Because Ms. Masagatani knows this program completely, she will continue to lead efficiently, competently, and resourcefully to stabilize the program and move it forward. I am honored to submit my testimony in strong support of Ms. Masagatani, and I ask your committee to advise and consent to her nomination.

Thank you,



Glenn A. Kaya
Managing Partner

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Testimony of Gorden Greig (President of WHHA Inc.)
IN SUPPORT

GM 509 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the
Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee,
JOBIE MASAGATANI, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

February 23, 2015

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and members of the Committee,

I am writing on behalf of Waiohuli Hawaiian Homesteaders Association Inc., and we respectfully urges your consideration of Ms. Jobie Masagatani to continue as the Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

In the past two years since assuming the position of Chairman, Ms. Masagatani has demonstrated her ability to lead the commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, manage the trust assets, and fulfill the department's mission of returning native Hawaiians to their homestead lands. Her educational, professional, and community experiences, coupled with her track record of service to Native Hawaiians, absolutely qualify her to serve in the capacity. Her continued leadership will create opportunities of a lifetime for native Hawaiian families and will build strong and healthy Hawaiian communities.

Our Homesteads is located upon the slopes of Haleakala in a rural district. Fairly a young Association, we have approximately 300 homes built on (1) acre lots since 2002 when we had subdivision approval. With the education, guidance, and perseverance of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, we were able to be a registered 501 (3)c organization and completed our Phase 1 of 4 Phases of our Community & Recreational Center which is a Certified Commercial Kitchen. Ms. Masagatani has always lend an ear toward our concerns and achievements.

We are beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust, and Ms. Masagatani's leadership will directly and positively impact their lives, and the lives of many others in the broader Hawaiian community and our state. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with Ms. Masagatani and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to fulfill Prince Kūhiō's vision.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration of our testimony.

Gorden Greig
President
Waiohuli Hawaiian Homesteaders Association Inc.



Testimony of ValueRock Realty Partners
To the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs (HWN)
In support of Gubernatorial Nominee, JOBIE MASAGATANI, For Chairperson of the Department
of Hawaiian Home Lands (GM 509)

February 23, 2015

Aloha Honorable Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee:

We represent the ownership of the Waiakea Shopping Center in Hilo, Hawaii, which Center is ground lessee of Department of the Hawaiian Home Lands, and appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in full support of Jobie Masagatani and the confirmation of her appointment to lead the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Ms. Masagatani's leadership has lead a firm and stable course for the Department. If you consider the accomplishments of the DHHL under her administration for the last two years as well as her work as the deputy at the DHHL from 1995 to 2002, you will understand that we will all gain from her leadership over the next four years to provide much needed continuity.

In addition to our Lease ground rent and other requirements we contribute \$100,000 annually toward a community benefit fund that is distributed and used exclusively by the East Hawaii Hawaiian Homes Community Associations. These funds are used to promote community development, education and cultural programs and projects for benefit of native Hawaiian residents of East Hawaii.

Because Ms. Masagatani knows this program completely, she will continue to lead efficiently, competently, and resourcefully to stabilize the program and move it forward. I am honored to submit my testimony in strong support of Ms. Masagatani, and I ask your committee to advise and consent to her nomination.

Sincerely,

Clifford K. Ogata
Hawaii Managing Director

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February 23, 2015

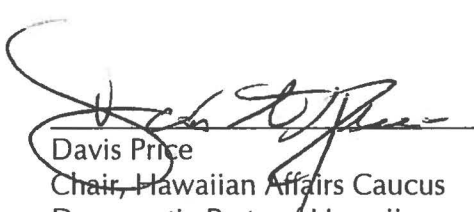
The Honorable Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Chair
And Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 222
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96817

RE: Letter of support to Confirm Jobie Masagatani as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaiian Affairs Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii supports Governor Ige's nomination of Jobie Masagatani as Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

The experience and accomplishments of this nominee clearly show that she is an outstanding leader committed to serving the best interests of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust, the trust beneficiaries and the native Hawaiian community. We are confident in Ms. Masagatani's leadership and ask the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs to advise and consent to this nomination.



Davis Price
Chair, Hawaiian Affairs Caucus
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TESTIMONY BY CLYDE T. HAYASHI
HAWAII LECET

COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, February 23, 2015
TIME: 1:15 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 224
State Capitol, 415 South Beretania St

TESTIMONY ON GM 509

TO THE HONORABLE MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, CHAIR, BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA, VICE CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Clyde T. Hayashi, and I am the Director of Hawaii Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust (LECET). Hawaii LECET is a labor-management partnership between the Hawaii Laborers Union, Local 368 and its 250+ unionized contractors.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** for GM 509, which submits for consideration and confirmation Gubernatorial Nominee, JOBIE MASAGATANI, as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, for a term to expire on 12-31-2018.

As the current Chairperson for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) for the past two and a half years, Ms. Masagatani has been instrumental in guiding and supporting the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands in fulfilling its mission to administer state land to qualified beneficiaries. An example of her leadership is the lease agreement between Debartolo and DHHL to build Ka Makana Ali'i, the first new regional shopping center in Hawaii in more than 30 years. The rent which Ka Makana Ali'i pay to DHHL over 65 years, which will help finance other homesteading opportunities for Native Hawaiians.

In addition, Ms. Masagatani previously served as the Deputy to the DHHL Director for seven years. Her experience working for DHHL as an administrator, her familiarity with the issues facing DHHL, and her ability to work well with legislators and other policy makers on issues facing the Native Hawaiian community will be an invaluable asset to the Department. I strongly believe that Ms. Masagatani has the commitment, skills, knowledge, and experience needed to serve as Chairperson for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

For these reason, I humbly ask for your **SUPPORT** of Jobie Masagatani as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

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February 11, 2015

Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro
Chairperson, Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 222
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Jobie Masagatani

Dear Senator Shimabukuro:

I am writing in support of Jobie Masagatani and the confirmation of her appointment to lead the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Ms. Masagatani has already demonstrated strong leadership for this Department. If you consider the accomplishments of the DHHL under her administration for the last two years as well as her work as the deputy at the DHHL from 1995 to 2002, you will understand that we will all gain from her leadership over the next four years. I worked with Ms Masagatani on a number of commercial lease projects for the Department including, most recently, its lease to Hawaii DeBartolo for development of a regional shopping center in Kapolei. Ms. Masagatani had no difficulties whatsoever in negotiating with the top executives of DeBartolo, the #1 or #2 developers of shopping centers in the United States. She played a critical and decisive role in closing the deal! She works hard, she does her homework and she is a fierce protector of the interests of the Department's beneficiaries.

Because Ms. Masagatani knows this program completely, she will continue to lead efficiently, competently, and resourcefully to stabilize the program and move it forward. We are honored to submit my testimony in strong support of Ms. Masagatani, and I ask your committee to advise and consent to her nomination. Mahalo nui loa.

Sincerely yours,
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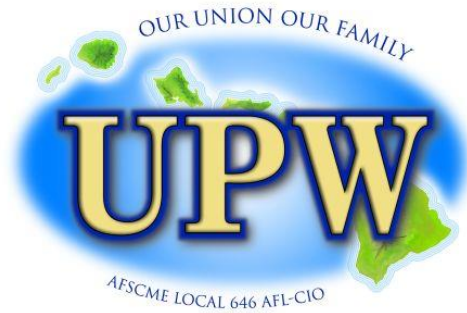
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COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

The Honorable Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
The Honorable Senator, Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

DATE OF HEARING: Monday, February 23, 2015
TIME OF HEARING: 1:15 p.m.
PLACE OF HEARING: Conference Room 224
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

TESTIMONY ON GM 509, JOBIE MASAGATANI

By DAYTON M. NAKANELUA,
State Director of the United Public Workers,
AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW")

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua and I am the State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 1 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector. Several employees of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands are members of our organization.

On behalf of our organization and its members, I respectfully request that your committee confirm the Governor's nomination of Jobie Masagatani to serve as Chairwoman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Jobie Masagatani has years of experience and a proven track record in leadership and community development and she comes to this position with two years of experience serving as the chairman under the Abercrombie Administration and eight years of experience serving as the deputy at DHHL during the Cayetano Administration. During her tenure she has demonstrated support of the department's development projects, keen insight into the management of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust, and a well-balanced leadership style. We look forward to working with her and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

The UPW respectfully asks that your committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to Ms. Masagatani's nomination to serve as the Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony in support of Ms. Masagatani.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Ho'omana Pono, LLC.	Support	No

Comments: We are an empowerment organization whose mission is to empower Kanaka Maoli to improve the quality of their lives. We STRONGLY SUPPORT Jobie Masagatani's appointment to Director of DHHL, based upon her understanding, comprehension and love for her own people, with a willingness to improve the quality of life for the Beneficiaries of DHHL. Jobie had the leadership skills & vision for DHHL that is good for the Beneficiaries, & our society in general. We urge you to confirm Jobie Masagatani as Director of DHHL.

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Submitted on: 2/20/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kalena Hew Len	Waianae Kai Homestead Association	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Chairwoman Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria, and members of the Committee: I strongly oppose the confirmation of Jobie Masegatani after 10 years of blatant discrimination towards native Hawaiians and beneficiaries on the Hawaiian Homestead trust lands throughout the State of Hawaii. She has used her position to support her own individual agenda ignoring the needs of the native Hawaiian beneficiaries she was sworn in to support. She has been unfair in her treatment of supposedly her own native Hawaiian people. She is not trusted, nor respected. It is a travesty that the governor reappointed her after promising a change. Mahalo a nui loa.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kamaki Kanahahele	Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assem	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Aloha Chairwoman Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria and members of the committee: As chairman of the SCHHA representing approximately 30 homestead community associations on all islands, including Lanai, I am here to officially oppose the confirmation and reappointment of Jobie Masegatani to the chairmanship of DHHL. The SCHHA wishes to inform you that reasons for opposing Jobie Masegatani include but are not limited to: institutional discrimination by DHHL under Jobie's leadership against beneficiaries; et.al. More will be shared in my in-person testimony. Mahalo. Kamaki Kanahahele

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February 23, 2015

The Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Chair
And Committee Members
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Senate
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RE: GM 509 Consideration and Confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department
of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, Jobie Masagatani,
for a term to expire 12-31-2018

Dear Chair Shimabukuro and Committee Members:

Thank you for your consideration of Jobie M. K. Masagatani as Chairperson to the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I support the nomination of Ms. Masagatani to lead the Hawaiian Homes Commission
and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I feel that Ms. Masagatani's experience as
Chairperson coupled with her strong educational and work ethic provides her with the tools that
are necessary to continue to lead the Commission and the Department towards further growth
and development of resources and services for Native Hawaiians.

Under her leadership, I believe that she and her team will have the ability to create many
opportunities for the Native Hawaiian community and the many communities that surround and
interact with them.

I urge you to support the nomination of Jobie Masagatani as Chairman of the Department
of Hawaiian Home Lands. Thank you for your consideration and for this opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

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February 20, 2015

GM 509 – Consideration and Confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as Chairperson for the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Room 224, State Capitol

RE: STRONGLY OPPOSED

Aloha e Chair and Committee Members,

I am writing on behalf of Hawaiian Community Assets (HCA), a nonprofit, native Hawaiian beneficiary-controlled HUD-certified housing counseling agency and Native community development financial institution, to testify in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to the appointment of Ms. Jobie Masagatani as chairperson for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

During her time as Director of the DHHL, Ms. Masagatani has failed to act on addressing the findings and material weaknesses identified in the 2012 DHHL audit, increased recommendations for the cancellation of beneficiary leases without promoting HUD-certified housing counseling, and prioritized the needs of non-beneficiary businesses and leaseholders despite the 30,000+ beneficiaries who to continue to wait for their chance to get back to the land.

More recently, Ms. Masagatani has been complicit in allowing institutional discrimination to take place against beneficiary serving organizations, particularly through the DHHL internal review, scoring, ranking, and awarding process of the HALE program. Through UIPA requests, HCA has gathered information on the internal HALE review, scoring, and ranking process and brought to the attention of the Hawaiian Homes Commission evidence that **DHHL, under Ms. Masagatani's leadership, awarded more than \$1 million in HALE contracts in July 2014 to 2 entities that did not submit the information required in the Notice to Service Providers.** Furthermore, DHHL reviewed the HALE proposals denied contracts to 3 other service providers that submitted all the information required in the Notice to Service Providers. For more information see Exhibit 1 for my January Testimony and overviews of the review, scoring, and ranking process and proposals.

The awarding of more than \$1 million to 2 entities that did not meet the requirements of the Notice to Service Providers for the HALE program, while at the same time denying 3 entities that met the requirements of the Notice, is a clear example of how institutional discrimination has taken place under Ms. Masagatani's leadership.

I submitted my testimonies for the November and December Hawaiian Homes Commission meetings to Governor Ige's office on December 18, 2014 with a letter requesting his Administration's assistance in addressing these instances of institutional discrimination. For more information see Exhibit 2 to review my Letter to Governor Ige and November and December Testimonies with documentation.

I submit this testimony to the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs to ask that the Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee members thoroughly review the information our organization has submitted, request additional information if necessary, and make a determination on Ms. Masagatani's appointment based on all the facts and her ability to further the mission of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.

I am certain we can all agree that institutional discrimination has no place within our State system. I am sure we can all agree that the best solution for ensuring institutional discrimination does not take place is by appointing leadership with the integrity to stop such acts immediately. The DHHL needs a leader who is willing to stand up to institutional discrimination when it rears its head – not blindly support it and risk compounding the negative impacts on our native Hawaiian beneficiary families and beneficiary organizations.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide my testimony in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to Ms. Jobie Masagatani's appointment as Chairperson of DHHL. Please consider Exhibits 1 and 2 submitted to your offices and refered in this testimony as apart of this testimony.

Sincerely

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Jeff Gilbreath
Executive Director



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Testimony of Joe Kuhio Lewis

**In support of GM 509, Confirmation to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
Gubernatorial Nominee, Jobie Masagatani**

To the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Hearing: Monday, February 23, 2015 at 1:15 p.m., Room 224

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer **support** for Governor Ige's nomination of Jobie Masagatani to continue leading the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) as its director and as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC).

I currently serve as the president of the Kapolei Community Development Corporation (KCDC), a 501(c)(3) Hawaiian home lands beneficiary organization founded on the tenets of community, culture, education, and partnership in our homestead community. We work in partnership with the DHHL to realize our community goals and vision to develop a multi-purpose community hub in Kapolei adjacent to the DHHL headquarters.

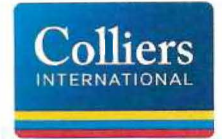
Over the past six years, DHHL has been in a constant state of flux with changes in executive leadership with four different chairmen and seven deputies to the chairman. These shifts in leadership have been detrimental to not only the DHHL, but to the beneficiaries of the trust, too. The resulting unstable environment has severely diminished DHHL's ability to achieve its mission of returning native Hawaiians to the Hawaiian homestead lands. In light of this, we look forward to working with Chairman Masagatani to support the interests of our fellow homesteaders in Kapolei, as well as DHHL beneficiaries across Hawaii.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in support of Chairman Masagatani.

O wau me ka ha'aha'a

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Kuhio Lewis



Testimony of Jon-Eric Greene, Colliers International
To the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs (HWN)
In support of Gubernatorial Nominee, JOBIE MASAGATANI,
For Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (GM 509)

February 23, 2015

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Jobie Masagatani and the confirmation of her appointment to lead the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Ms. Masagatani's leadership is good for this Department. If you consider the accomplishments of the DHHL under her administration for the last two years as well as her work as the deputy at the DHHL from 1995 to 2002, you will understand that we will all gain from her leadership over the next four years. I have been personally involved in a number of commercial leases with DHHL over the years that have led to significant projects and ground lease revenue to DHHL, and Ms. Masagatani has been instrumental in creating these opportunities and seeing them through to successful projects.

Because Ms. Masagatani knows this program completely, she will continue to lead efficiently, competently, and resourcefully to stabilize the program and move it forward. I am honored to submit my testimony in strong support of Ms. Masagatani, and I ask your committee to advise and consent to her nomination.

Respectfully,

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Jon-Eric Greene (B)*
Senior Vice President
Colliers International

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Testimony of the Anahola Farmers and Ranchers Association
To the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs (HWN)
In support of Gubernatorial Nominee, JOBIE MASAGATANI, For the Chairperson of the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (GM 509)

February 23, 2015

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Anahola Farmers and Ranchers Association also known as AFARA, I am writing in support of Governor's Message 509, and we ask that you confirm Jobie Masagatani to be the Chairperson for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Ms. Masagatani has accepted the position in trying times and has endeavored. She has worked tirelessly to repair the damages done by her predecessors, and healing the rift between the department, and its' beneficiaries with respect and dignity. In addition, Ms. Masagatani understands that transparency, and openness to ideas from abroad allows for ownership and mutual agreement from the majority and not by a select few.

Our Association supports strong leadership in the Native Hawaiian community and we believe Ms. Masagatani is a strong leader that is needed to support the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Her experience will provide important insights in decision-making at the DHHL on behalf of the beneficiaries. Ms. Masagatani's professional experience as the current DHHL Chair has directly and positively impacted our community in Anahola Kaua'i. We are encouraged by her appointment to be a leader at DHHL.

Our organization supports Ms. Masagatani and we hope you will take into account her experience and credentials as you make the decision to advise and consent to her appointment as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Aloha and Mahalo for all that you do,

Sincerely,



Joseph "Joe" Borden

President, Anahola Farmers and Ranchers Association



HAWAII REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

February 20, 2015

The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair,
The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Governor's Message 509
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, Jobie Masagatani

Monday, February 23, 2015, 1:15 p.m., Conference Room 224, State Capitol

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria, and members of the committee,

My name is Kai Hoohuli, and I am a service representative with the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters, which represents 6,000 union carpenters and drywall installers in the state. I **support** the governor's nomination of Jobie Masagatani as chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

As the current chairperson of DHHL, Ms. Masagatani has proven her extensive knowledge on the native Hawaiian community. She has gained keen insight on native Hawaiian issues and concerns through her experiences as a deputy to the chairman at DHHL, special assistant to the CEO at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and also as an assistant to the president and CEO of the Queen's Health Systems, where she facilitated development of the strategic plan to address native Hawaiian health. She also served as a land investment analyst for Kamehameha Schools.

Ms. Masagatani's accomplishments demonstrate a deep understanding of the department's internal operations, the homestead program, funding, unique challenges, and ambitious mission. Her genuine care, commitment, and compassion will provide greater opportunities for our community, for Hawaiian Home Lands, and for the native Hawaiians the department serves.

For the reasons mentioned above, I humbly ask for your favorable consideration of Ms. Jobie Masagatani's nomination to continue to serve as chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Sincerely,

Ralph "Kai" Hoohuli
Service Representative

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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015 | 1:15 P.M. | ROOM 224**

**In Support of Gubernatorial Nominee JOBIE MASAGATANI
For Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (GM 509)**

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Honorable Senators:

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of Jobie Masagatani and the confirmation of her appointment to lead the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Pelatron Q is a joint venture between Solena Q and Pelatron Power Evolution that was formed to achieve the technology goal of a clean sustainable energy source for both government and commercial organizations in the State of Hawaii. The Pelatron Center for Economic Development (PCED) actively supports the economic welfare of Native Hawaiians through public and private educational, community and business partnerships. The partnerships provide mentoring, training, business incubation and other activities that promote innovation and entrepreneurship.

Ms. Masagatani's leadership is good for this Department. If you consider the accomplishments of the DHHL under her administration for the last two years as well as her work as the deputy at the DHHL from 1995 to 2002, you will understand that we will all gain from her leadership over the next four years.

I am honored to submit testimony in strong support of Ms. Masagatani, and I ask your committee to advise and consent to her nomination.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kekoa McClellan', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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Testimony of General Growth Properties/ Prince Kuhio Plaza LLC
To the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs (HWN)
In support of Gubernatorial Nominee, JOBIE MASAGATANI, For Chairperson of the Department
of Hawaiian Home Lands (GM 509)

February 23, 2015

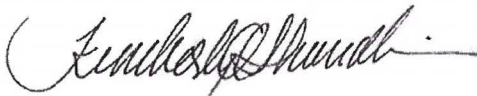
Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee,

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Jobie Masagatani and the confirmation of her appointment to lead the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Ms. Masagatani's leadership is good for this Department. If you consider the accomplishments of the DHHL under her administration for the last two years as well as her work as the deputy at the DHHL from 1995 to 2002, you will understand that we will all gain from her leadership over the next four years. We are especially pleased with the implementation of Section 228 of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, which authorizes the department to extend the term of a general lease of Hawaiian home lands for commercial projects for the purpose of allowing a general lessee to make improvements to the leased property, or to obtain financing for the improvement of the leased lands.

Because Ms. Masagatani knows this program completely, she will continue to lead efficiently, competently, and resourcefully to stabilize the program and move it forward. I am honored to submit my testimony in strong support of Ms. Masagatani, and I ask your committee to advise and consent to her nomination.

Mahalo nui loa,



Kimberly Shimabuku
General Manager, Prince Kuhio Plaza
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February 21, 2015

To: Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair / & Members
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

From: Mahealani Cypher
Secretary/Board Member
Ko`olau Foundation

Re: G.M. 509 – Supporting Appointment of Jobi Masagatani

Aloha mai kakou, Senator Shimabukuro and Committee Members:

On behalf of the board of directors of the Ko`olau Foundation, I offer our support for the confirmation of Jobi Masagatani, who has been reappointed as director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

We have met Ms. Masagatani and find her to be forthright, competent, and committed to improving the management and stewardship of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust.

She has worked hard to correct various inefficiencies and problems confronting the agency in recent years, but the work is not yet completed and we are encouraged that she is willing to continue serving the beneficiaries of DHHL.

We urge your favorable confirmation of her appointment.

Mahalo for this opportunity to offer our mana`o.

Testimony in **OPPOSITION** to GM 509
Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement

Aloha Chair Shimabukuo, Vice Chair Galuteria and members of the Committee. My name is Michelle Kauhane, President and CEO at the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA). I thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on GM 509 to oppose the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as Director for the State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

When appointed by former Governor Neil Abercrombie, CNHA opposed Ms. Masagatani's confirmation and sat through the staged hearing where nearly every director and deputy director appointed by Governor Abercrombie stood in strong support of his appointment. Most of those individuals had very little or no understanding of the Hawaiian Homes Land trust or the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. It was a clear demonstration of the state politics that have more influence over our native Hawaiian land trust than beneficiaries themselves.

Since Jobie's last confirmation hearing, CNHA has seen very little improvement or willingness from Ms. Masagatani to work together. There have been several attempts by CNHA to work with Director Masagatani to no avail. She has met personally with our board Chairman, Alvin Parker and had private discussions with our board member, Maile Meyer. We have extended invitations and opportunities to partner on various homestead working groups; including a review of the audit findings and DHHL loan portfolio delinquencies. We have also extended invitations to partner and support beneficiaries at our Annual Native Hawaiian Convention. Unfortunately, efforts to build new bridges have all failed. Jobie consistently demonstrates an unwillingness to work with CNHA. She abuses her authority by creating unnecessary barriers and has allowed extremely successful programs that support the mission of DHHL to expire in her effort to alienate CNHA even if we are beneficiary organization. As the President & CEO of CNHA, I have no other option than to **oppose** the confirmation of Ms. Masagatani. The following are specific examples of why CNHA opposes Jobie's confirmation.

First, under Jobie's leadership, programs like the homestead self-help program have been cancelled despite the fact that the program successfully built 22 homes for low-income families under a \$200K price point. Homes were built in a timely and efficient manner with beneficiaries contributing sweat equity to the project. Although the program proved to be successful, the contract was cancelled. Additionally, DHHL failed to disburse \$1 million dollars as agreed and approved in that same contract. The funds were approved to provide beneficiaries with access to capital through loans for housing construction & home improvements, rehabilitation, and energy efficiency retrofits. For reasons unknown to CNHA, the contract was ended.

Second, CNHA continues to await a contract for a NAHASDA grant that was approved by the commission to be awarded in 2012. Three years later and we are still facing

barrier after barrier. I am told the most recent obstacle may require CNHA to repay DHHL up to \$46,000 for funds that were distributed to beneficiaries for down payment assistance.

In November 2014, CNHA received an official letter from DHHL alleging our suspension as a grantee from the Administration for Native Americans for the past two years. The letter explained that disbarment from any federal program could result in disbarment from participation in the NAHASDA program. Upon my inquiry, I was informed the letter was sent based on an anonymous complaint. The complaint was completely false and a rumor! However, inquiry was submitted to HUD as an official correspondence to CNHA. This is a typical example of the abuse by DHHL towards CNHA under Ms. Masagatani's leadership.

At the February Commission meeting held in Kapolei last week, CNHA member Hawaiian Community Assets presented the Commission with documentation and information that was requested under the public information access law. A thorough review of a June 2014 procurement process revealed the institutional discrimination that exists at DHHL under Jobie's leadership. CNHA is continuously disappointed at DHHL's intentional exclusion of Native Hawaiian beneficiary serving organizations who have demonstrated an unwavering commitment in service to homestead communities and an undeniable track record of providing the greatest leverage to our trust resources.

Specifically, HCA requested all proposals submitted to DHHL for its HALE program after more than a million dollars in contracts were awarded two entities. HCA, the largest beneficiary provider with statewide offices was not awarded a contract. Instead, a private financial literacy firm who failed to provide evidence of funding to dedicate to the project and a second firm who did not include certificates of compliance as required by the RFP were both awarded contracts. In addition to the denial of a contract to HCA, according to DHHL, CNHA's proposal was unable to be scored. Although we were the original authors of DHHL's homeownership assistance program and administered a \$3.1 million US Treasury Grant that created the Hawaii Family Finance Project, CNHA can't seem to meet the minimum requirements to serve beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust under Jobie's leadership.

Finally, CNHA is most concerned with Ms. Masagatani's leadership as it relates to the basic tenets of our native Hawaiian land trust. In 2001 when Ms. Masagatani was the Deputy at DHHL, a general leasing policy was approved to rescind the policy that made lands available for general leasing to qualified native Hawaiians or native Hawaiian organizations before made available to the general public. More recently, the first action taken by the HHC after Jobie's appointment was the approval of a revocable permit policy that is detrimental to beneficiaries. Again, this policy requires beneficiaries of the trust to bid with the general public. There is a clear misunderstanding of the basic tenets of the HHCA by this director. As a result of policies like these supported by Ms. Masagatani, more lands have been distributed from our land trust for non-homesteading purposes over homesteading purposes. To date, approximately 40,000 acres of land are

leased for homesteading purposes while more than 60,000 acres are being leased to the general public for non-homesteading purposes.

It is time for the State Legislature to embrace its role as a trustee to beneficiaries of the HHCA to ensure that trust lands are being distributed and utilized as articulated in the Act. It is time for you to support leadership at DHHL that supports beneficiary interests above political interests. The condition of the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust is a result of manipulations of State Government and its DHHL agency over several decades. We need our senators to support leadership that puts beneficiary interests above all else. It is unfortunate for me to have to admit that CNHA has not seen this dedication from Ms. Masagatani. Jobie continues to be an excellent state soldier, willing to follow instructions as a political appointee, abusive with her power to reward and punish, even at the expense of beneficiaries she has a fiduciary duty to serve.

Mahalo again for the opportunity to testify.



To the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs (HWN)
In **support** of Gubernatorial Nominee, JOBIE MASAGATANI, For Chairperson
of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (GM 509)

February 23, 2015

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and Members of the
Committee,

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony in **support** of Jobie
Masagatani and the confirmation of her appointment to lead the Hawaiian
Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Ms. Masagatani's leadership is good for this Department. If you consider the
accomplishments of the DHHL under her administration for the last two years
as well as her work as the deputy at the DHHL from 1995 to 2002, you will
understand that we will all gain from her leadership over the next four years.

We look forward to working closely with Ms. Masagatani, and ask your
committee to advise and consent to her nomination. Mahalo nui loa.

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February 23, 2015

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee,

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Ms. Jobie Masagatani and the confirmation of her appointment to serve as the Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) and Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

PBR HAWAII & Associates, Inc., based in Hawai'i for over 45 years, is active in all aspects of Land Planning, Landscape Architecture, Environmental Studies and Graphic Design. PBR HAWAII has had a long relationship with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and has had the privilege of working with Ms. Masagatani when she served as deputy at DHHL from 1995 to 2002. This relationship with Ms. Masagatani continued over the past two years as she served as the director of DHHL and Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Ms. Masagatani has served DHHL, the Hawaiian Homes Commission, and DHHL's beneficiaries admirably and the many accomplishments under her administration reflect her strong leadership abilities. PBR HAWAII is proud to have been involved with Ms. Masagatani's many successful DHHL initiatives.

Ms. Masagatani is a goal-oriented and hands-on leader with experience in strategic planning and policy-making. Under Ms. Masagatani's leadership, DHHL successfully developed, refined, and implemented a 5-year Strategic Goals and Objectives Plan. One of the plan's goals was to reaffirm and assert trust status. In 2013, Ms. Masagatani initiated the preparation and promulgation of a much-needed update of the administrative rules and related procedures for DHHL's planning system. These rules and procedures will guide how DHHL rationally and efficiently allocates its resources of land, funding, and staff into the future.

Ms. Masagatani is an excellent business administrator who efficiently manages a State Department that administers over 200,000 acres of land with an annual operating budget of only \$13 million. With the goal of ensuring the financial well-being of the Trust, Ms. Masagatani helped negotiate the development of a key commercial property in Kapolei, Ka Makana Ali'i regional shopping center, during her two year tenure as Director. The revenue from this project will allow DHHL to meet one of its most important goals of delivering diverse homesteading opportunities throughout the State to its beneficiaries on its wait list. This project will also positively impact the immediate region through a community benefit package that provides funding for community building efforts.

Testimony of PBR HAWAII & ASSOCIATES, INC. to the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs (HWN) in support of Gubernatorial Nominee, JOBIE MASAGATANI, for Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (GM 509)

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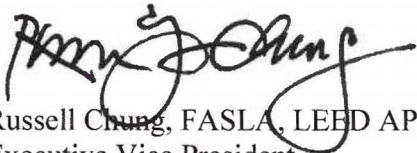
Ms. Masagatani's leadership serves DHHL and its beneficiaries well. She knows this program completely, and we are confident that she will continue to lead efficiently, competently, and resourcefully to stabilize the program and move it forward. PBR HAWAII is honored to submit this testimony in strong support of Ms. Masagatani, and we ask your committee to confirm her appointment as Director of the DHHL and Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Mahalo nui loa.

Sincerely,

PBR HAWAII & Associates, Inc.



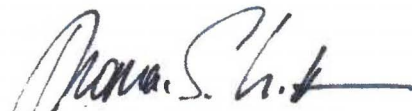
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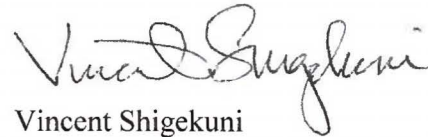
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**Testimony of Nancy Bottelo/Special Olympics Hawai'i
To the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs (HWN)
In support of Gubernatorial Nominee, JOBIE MASAGATANI, For Chairperson of the Department of
Hawaiian Home Lands (GM 509)**

February 13, 2015

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee,

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Jobie Masagatani and the confirmation of her appointment to lead the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Ms. Masagatani's leadership is good for this Department. If you consider the accomplishments of the DHHL under her administration for the last two years as well as her work as the deputy at the DHHL from 1995 to 2002, you will understand that we will all gain from her leadership over the next four years. We are confident in her leadership and her commitment to align DHHL with organizations like ours to create firm business partnerships that generate resources to develop homesteads for native Hawaiians.

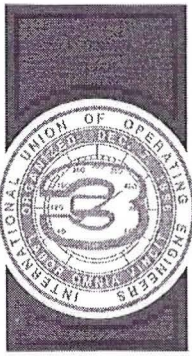
Special Olympics is an international organization that unleashes the human spirit through the transformative power and joy of sports everyday around the world. Through work in sports, health education and community building, Special Olympics is addressing inactivity, injustice, intolerance and social isolation by encouraging and empowering people with intellectual disabilities (ID) which leads to a more welcoming and inclusive society.

SOHI is taking a bold and exciting leap forward in using sports and fitness activities as a vehicle for building inclusive, welcoming communities. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has partnered with Special Olympics Hawai'i in this exciting project. We recently had our ground blessing for the Special Olympics Hawai'i Sports and Wellness Center will be built on 2.44 acres in Kapolei, Oahu, adjacent to the Kroc Center. Special Olympics Hawai'i has entered into a 45 year lease (with two additional 10 year options) with Department of Hawaiian Home Lands which it will utilize to construct its new facility.

Because Ms. Masagatani knows this department completely, she will continue to lead efficiently, competently, and resourcefully to stabilize the program and move it forward. We sincerely look forward to continuing our partnership with the department and we are eager to move forward alongside Chairman Masagatani to provide greater opportunities for Hawaiian Home Lands and the native Hawaiians the department serves. I am honored to submit my testimony in strong support of Ms. Masagatani, and I ask your committee to advise and consent to her nomination.

On behalf of our athletes, their families and friends, mahalo nui loa,

Nancy Bottelo
President and CEO



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JOBIE MASAGATANI, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Re: GM 509 – Support

February 23, 2015

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and members of the Committee,

I am writing on behalf of Operating Engineers Local Union #3 and we respectfully urge your consideration of Ms. JobieMasagatani to continue as the Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

In the past two years since assuming the position of Chairman, Ms. Masagatani has demonstrated her ability to lead the commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, manage the trust assets, and fulfill the department's mission of returning native Hawaiians to their homestead lands. Her educational, professional, and community experiences, coupled with her track record of service to Native Hawaiians, absolutely qualify her to serve in the capacity. Her continued leadership will create opportunities of a lifetime for native Hawaiian families and will build strong and healthy Hawaiian communities.

The Operating Engineers Local Union #3 is a labor organization comprised of about 4,000 unionized members and 500 general contractors. We do infrastructure work such as water works, schools, road work, police departments, as well as firedepartments, and build homes for the state of Hawaii.

Somebeneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands trustare members of our Local union, and Ms. Masagatani's leadership will directly and positively impact their lives, and the lives of many others in the broader Hawaiian community and our state. For the department has created jobs for the construction trades especially the Operating Engineers. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with Ms. Masagatani and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to fulfill Prince Kūhiō's vision.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration of our testimony.

Pane Meatoga Jr.
District Representative
Hawaii Operating Engineers Local Union #3



Auamo I Na Alaka'i (AINA)

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE CONFIRMATION
OF JOBIE MASAGATANI (GM 509) AS DIRECTOR OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS (DHHL) AND
WILLIAM AILA, JR. AS DEPUTY TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS (DHHL)

Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Hawai'i State Capitol Building
Monday, February 23, 2015
1:15 pm – Room 224

Honorable Chair and Sen. Maile S. L. Shimabukuro and Vice Chair Brickwood Galuteria, and Committee members, Aloha kakou!

My name is Paul P. Richards, President of Auamo I Na Alaka'i or AINA a Hawai'i non-profit organization whose purpose, *“supports all Hawaiian Homestead community organizations in Hawai'i by strengthening their capacity building and exploring opportunities towards self-governance through education, training and exploration.”* We helped provide training to over 36 Hawaiian homestead communities' residents and their leaders through various venues.

We submit this testimony in *strong support of the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as Chairperson and Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) and William Aila, Jr as Deputy to the Chairperson.*

Since Jobie's confirmation as Chairperson and Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) she has continued to work diligently and accomplished many milestones while attaining and addressing operational and internal concerns of the department.

We realize the challenges which DHHL and its leadership encountered during the last gubernatorial administration; however, the relationship with the various Hawaiian homestead communities, its beneficiaries and applicants continue to strengthen and strongly support her work, efforts and accomplishments. With the strong support of the appointed deputy William Aila, this will solidify and focus the entire DHHL team on Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole vision on the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920.



Auamo I Na Alaka'i (AINA)

February 23, 2015

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We submit this testimony in strong support and ask for your committee's full confirmation of both Jobie Masagatani and William Aila, Jr. as Director and Deputy Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Me kealoha pumehana,

Paul P. Richards

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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT W/RESERVATION ON THE CONFORMATION OF JOBIE MASAGATANI (GM 509) AS DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS (DHHL)

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Hawai'i State Capitol Building
February 23, 2015
1:15pm

Honorable Chair Sen. Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Sen. Brickwood Galuteria and committee members, Aloha Kakou!

I am William H Brown a native Hawaiian as defined by the HHCA, 1920 as amended July 9, 1921 and the current President of Pana'ewa Hawaiian Home Lands Community Association – PHHLCA; I speak on behalf of the membership of our 320 Hawaiian homestead community residential lessees and over a hundred associates (via former homesteaders) who wishes to convey this **strong letter of support** with reservation, for Governor David Ige's nomination for the Director of Department of Hawaiian Home Lands – DHHL: **Ms. Jobie Masagatani**.

Our **strong support** is based upon the facts that current projects underway would be unduly disrupted and native Hawaiian beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act Trust would suffer another setback if leadership changes occurred at this point.

With due respect to Ms. Jobie Masagatani's credit PHHLCA believes that we must also make the record clear that presently we recognize the **committed resolve** from her administration whereby:

- \$6m in NAHASDA funding for home repairs in East Hawaii & Molokai;
- \$45m in homeowner financing of Homesteads on Hawaii, Molokai, O'ahu, & Kauai;
- \$1.5m for HALE service to include home buyers education & lease cancellations;
- \$8.3m in CIP for Undivided interest lessees in East Kapolei II for lot development;
- \$9m in CIP for Undivided interest lessees in Laiopua V for land development;
- \$9m in CIP for Undivided interest lessees in Keokea Waihuli for lot development;

Our reservations are based upon the following fact **directly** connected to Ms. Masagatani's decisions as an administrator at DHHL and perpetuated failures of the DHLL.

1. Sufficient information **is not being provided** to the beneficiaries for the monthly meetings of the Hawaiian Homes Commission – HHC agenda. Present practice allows the Department's staff submittals to be distributed at the time of the Commission meetings, giving inadequate time for the beneficiaries to review information on pertinent issues if the beneficiaries had the wherewithal to travel to the site of the meeting. This practice allows difficult and/or controversial issues and /or concerns to pass with **Commission approval** because Commissioners themselves at times do not thoroughly understand the subject matter and beneficiaries do not have all the information at their disposal to respond to their respective Commissioner and to the Department's pending actions prior to Commission action in a timely manner. With technology as it is now it is

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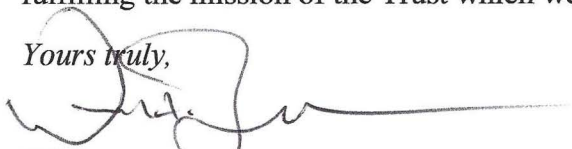
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inconceivable that the uses of electronic mail and/or island-wide video conferencing, as well as other means that are not employed to have the **trust corpus** involved in the decision making process of the Department of the State of Hawaii whose **SOLE RESPONSIBILITY IS TO BETTER THE CONDITIONS OF THE (n)ATIVE HAWAIIANS.**

2. DHHL's responses and recommendation to the HHC regarding the highly criticized REVOCABLE PERMIT PROGRAM (RP) fails to give native Hawaiian beneficiaries **"preference"** to the lands which were set aside for their rehabilitation. DHHL recommendations awards RP's to the highest bidder, **regardless of beneficiary qualifications**, while this may benefit DHHL and the State of Hawaii with regard to revenue generation, this policy **fails to meet the mission of the Trust, which is to "rehabilitate native Hawaiians"**.
3. DHHL has an administrative policy, recommended by DHHL and approved by the HHC that violates and denies the Trust provision of authorizing the beneficiary use of their tract for **mercantile** related leases/licenses pursuant to Section 207(c)1(b) HHCA, 1920 as amended July 9, 1921. The justification for this **administrative action** is **native Hawaiian businesses (mercantile) have a high rate of failure thereby exposing DHHL to financial risk.** This administrative policy **failed to address the long term responsibility and goals of the trust, which is to "rehabilitate native Hawaiians"**.
4. DHHL's current practice is awarding leases with homes built on the land which causes many native Hawaiians to become **ineligible** for the lease awards because they **do not qualify** for the mortgage loans attached to the lease. This is a major cause for the many beneficiaries remaining on the wait list over 20 years, aside from the lack of homestead development. This practice does not serve native Hawaiians whose income **disqualifies them** for conventional mortgages, and for whom the Trust was established. The HHCA, 1920 has only two (2) requirements for being **awarded leasehold** and to **transfer leasehold** that being native Hawaiian applicant be: **½ the blood of the race inhabiting these islands prior to 1778 and be 18 years of age.** It is then the process of those awardees to find financing help such as homeowner builder and other avenues to help to sustain his or her ohana (family).

For the above stated reasons both pros & cons, **we declare our strong support** for Governor Ige's nomination for Director of DHHL in Ms. Jobie Masagatani, but we would fail ourselves and future generations by not articulating clearly our reservations. We have provided these critical issues as a means to measure the nominee's ability to develop sound policy consistent with the HHCA, **to work with the beneficiaries**, to correct present deficiencies in the Department's policies & practices, and plan to prioritize fulfilling the mission of the Trust which we believe Ms. Masagatani is **capable of achieving.**

Yours truly,



William H Brown
President of PPHLCA

February 23, 2015



The Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Chair
And Committee Members
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Senate
415 S. Beretania Street, #222
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Shimabukuro and Committee Members:

RE: GM 509 Consideration and Confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, Jobie Masagatani, for a term to expire 12-31-2018

Thank you for your consideration of Jobie M. K. Masagatani as Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

My name is Rich Hartline, Vice President for Hawaii DeBartolo. We support for the nomination of Ms. Masagatani to lead the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. We feel that Ms. Masagatani has repeatedly shown that she has the abilities to lead the Commission and the Department.

Ms. Masagatani has the skills that have allowed seamless partnering with the Department. We enjoy working with her and her team in creating new possibilities for the Department and the many constituents that the Department serves.

We look forward to a continued partnership with Ms. Masagatani and her team and encourage you to confirm her as the Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Thank you for your consideration and for this opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

DeBartolo Development, LLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rich Hartline', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

RICH HARTLINE

Vice President of Development



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII

The Voice of Business

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Monday, February 23, 2015 at 1:15 P.M.
Conference Room 224, State Capitol**

RE: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES NO. 509 AND 510

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii ("The Chamber") **strongly supports** GM 509, which submits for consideration and confirmation Gubernatorial Nominee JOBIE MASAGATANI as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and GM 510, which submits for consideration and confirmation Gubernatorial Nominee WILLIAM AILA JR. as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

The Chamber is the largest business organization in Hawaii, representing about 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

Ms. Masagatani brings a wealth of experience both in the business community and in active Hawaiian issues. She served as the Special Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer, at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) and as an Assistant to the President and CEO of The Queen's Health Systems, where her area of focus was Native Hawaiian health.

Ms. Masagatani also previously served as DHHL Director since 2013, and Deputy Director from 1995 to 2002. She also previously served as a Land Investment Analyst for Kamehameha Schools.

Mr. Aila has been involved in not only the Native Hawaiian community, but the community at large through his years of experience as the Harbor Master with the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and most recently as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

We believe that this "team" is well suited to lead the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands as it requires a commitment to providing housing to its Native Hawaiian beneficiaries while balancing the financial obligations of developing these communities.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our comments on these nominations.

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Testimony of Summer Keliipio, President

Princess Kaiulani HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

IN SUPPORT

GM 509 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the

Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee,

JOBIE MASAGATANI, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

February 20, 2015

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and members of the Committee,

The Princess Kaiulani Hawaiian Civic Club respectfully urges your consideration of Ms. Jobie Masagatani to continue as the Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

In the past two years since assuming the position of Chairman, Ms. Masagatani has demonstrated her ability to lead the commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, manage the trust assets, and fulfill the department's mission of returning native Hawaiians to their homestead lands. Her educational, professional, and community experiences, coupled with her track record of service to Native Hawaiians, absolutely qualify her to serve in the capacity. Her continued leadership will create opportunities of a lifetime for native Hawaiian families and will build strong and healthy Hawaiian communities.

Half of our club members are beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust, and Ms. Masagatani's leadership will directly and positively impact their lives, and the lives of many others in the broader Hawaiian community and our state. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with Ms. Masagatani and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to fulfill Prince Kuhio's vision.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration of our testimony.

Summer Keliipio

President

Princess Kaiulani Hawaiian Civic Club



Kanu o ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana

Serving and perpetuating sustainable Hawaiian communities through Education with Aloha

Testimony – Supporting **Jobie Masagatani** for Hawaiian Homes Commission

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GM 509

January 23, 2015

Conference Room 224, TIME pm

Aloha Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro and Honorable Brickwood Galuteria and members of the committee:

My name is Taffi Wise, I am the Executive Director of Kanu o ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana (KALO), testifying in **support of Jobie Masagatani for Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Lands.**

Thank you for allowing me to share the perspective of a community member who has worked with DHHL and Ms. Masagatani to create a model public private partnership that has possibilities for many communities in Hawaii.

Through this partnership we were able to build Phase I, II and III of Kauhale 'Ōiwi o Pu'ukapu (Kauhale), which is now a Platinum LEED® Green Community Resource Center nestled in the green pastures of Pu'ukapu Waimea on 16 acres of Hawaiian Homes Land. Kauhale models community sustainability, cultural revitalization and rural economic development as a living model of a community-based learning center.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, respectfully submitted.



**"E Paepae I Luna Loa I Ka Malamalama"
"Hold High the Light of Knowledge"**

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Testimony of Antoinette Lee, President
PEARL HARBOR HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB
IN SUPPORT

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

February 23, 2015

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and members of the Committee,

The Pearl Harbor Hawaiian Civic Club respectfully urges your consideration of Ms. Jobie Masagatani to continue as the Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

In the past two years since assuming the position of Chairman, Ms. Masagatani has demonstrated her ability to lead the commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, manage the trust assets, and fulfill the department's mission of returning native Hawaiians to their homestead lands. Her educational, professional, and community experiences, coupled with her track record of service to Native Hawaiians, absolutely qualify her to serve in the capacity. Her continued leadership will create opportunities of a lifetime for native Hawaiian families and will build strong and healthy Hawaiian communities.

The Pearl Harbor Hawaiian Civic Club was chartered in 1964 and is part of the oldest grassroots movement in Hawai'i. One-quarter of our club members are beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust, and Ms. Masagatani's leadership will directly and positively impact their lives, and the lives of many others in the broader Hawaiian community and our state. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with Ms. Masagatani and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to fulfill Prince Kūhiō's vision.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration of our testimony.



Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Monday, February 23, 2015 at 1:15 p.m.
by
Trisha K. Watson, Ph.D, Senior Consultant
Honua Consulting

GM 509 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOBIE MASAGATANI, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.

Position: Support

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Ms. Jobie Masagatani as the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Ms. Masagatani has a wealth of executive management experiences, which includes serving as the current chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, as a Special Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and also an assistant to the President and CEO of The Queen's Health Systems, where her area of focus was Native Hawaiian health.

Ms. Masagatani passion and commitment to the Hawaiian Home Land Trust and its beneficiaries will serve a driving force in the future success for the department. I encourage the committee to support Ms. Masagatani as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

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Amber	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senate Committee, Me and my family are in support of Jobie Masagatani being re-confirmed as DHHL Chair. We live on Hawaiian Homestead land in Anahola Kaua'i. Jobie keeps our community involved in decisions that are made. She listens well and has great leadership skills. Again we are in support of her and hope she will be re-confirmed as our DHHL Chair. Mahalo Nui Loa!!

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My name is Analika Nahulu and I'm a lifetime, third generation leaser to Lot 104 on the Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead. On behalf of family members and their children who will succeed to their parcels like: Genevieve Nahulu Burns leaser to lot #59, Jan Burns leaser to lot #107, Kandiss Nahulu-Mahelona of Ualakahiki St., Vaughn L. Victor of Pohakunui Ave., family applicants like: Nola Nahulu of Keeaumoku St. and Laraline Keohokapu of Nanakuli Ave. we express our written **SUPPORT for JOSIE MASAGATANI** as Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. **We support appointment of new commissioners as the Department accelerates.**

We have generational and island wide experiences with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and draw on them in sharing today. Earlier years were very challenging and often fostering mistrust of staff and the process. We feel the current Department is more transparent and responsive to our concerns. We want her to continue the work she started and in the manner in which the Department manages itself.

Today, we agree that we are pleased with Jobie's work with the Department, Commissioners, and communities. She brings experiences beyond her previous appointment and exceptional management accomplishments in her last tenure.

Thank for this opportunity and wish you all success.

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Beverly Pauole Moore	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Beverly Pauole-Moore is hereby submitting my testimony of support for Ms. Jobie Masagatani for Chairperson for the Department of Hawaiian Homes Land. I am a third generation keiki o ka aina Hawaiian Homesteader, Grandfather Mitchell Pauole and father Robert Pauole and am a homesteader in Hoolehua, Molokai. She has demonstrated leadership, trust and hope to the beneficiaries in the State of Hawaii. Her actions speaks louder then her voice and she has demonstrated what is 'pono'. On Molokai we support her 100% and she has the vision to bring forth into the 21st Century a plan for the benefit of our present and future beneficiaries. She comes with no 'personal agenda' and continues the DHHL Act to bring us together and abide the Hawaiian traditions and culture. I humbly come before you to give my support in appointing Ms. Masagatani as Chairperson for DHHL. I remain, Beverly Pauole-Moore/Hoolehua, Molokai Homesteader

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Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Monday, February 23, 2015, 1:15 pm
Conference Room 224, State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM 509, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, Jobie Masagatani, for a term to expire 12-31-2018

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs. My name is Charles Toguchi and I'm providing written testimony today in **strong support** of Jobie Masagatani's gubernatorial nomination to serve as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I have had the privilege of knowing Jobie Masagatani for over 20 years.

Jobie's administrative skills have been recognized by many. From 1995 to 2002, she successfully served as the Deputy Director of DHHL. From May 2012, she has served as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and has done an outstanding job leading the agency of 130 employees statewide. Her areas of focus have been: agency financial resources; more affordable housing options for applicants; an agricultural program; and homestead communities. Jobie needs four more years to continue the excellent progress and the foundation for the DHHL that she has so skillfully built and focused on.

In addition to her past twelve years at the DHHL, Jobie brings a wealth of experiences and accomplishments to the Chairperson position. She was formerly a land investment analyst at Kamehameha Schools, an assistant to the president and CEO at Queens Health Systems, and a special assistant to the CEO at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Jobie has also developed a good working knowledge of both the private and public sectors in Hawaii. Based on her past interactions with governmental agencies at all levels, she has a unique understanding of how the Federal, State and County agencies operate. In addition, with a Masters in public affairs and urban/regional planning from Princeton University and a Bachelor's in education from Northwestern University, Jobie brings a wide range of skills to this office.

In my interaction with Jobie over the past 20 years, she has always impressed me as a person of high integrity and ethics. She is an inspirational leader who always motivates others to do their best. She loves her job and is deeply committed to the community she serves. I strongly believe Jobie Masagatani has the qualifications, experience, and commitment to continue to effectively serve the people of Hawaii.

Without any reservations, I strongly urge your favorable consideration of her nomination.

Mahalo for the opportunity to present this testimony.

Aloha,

Charles T. Toguchi

February 23, 2015

To: The Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Chair Maile Shimabukuro

From: Darrell Yagodich (darrell.yagodich@gmail.com)

Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 509, CONFIRMATION OF MS. JOBIE MASAGATANI AS CHAIRMAN OF THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro and members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs. I appreciate this opportunity to testify in support of Jobie Masagatani as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC). I am an undivided interest homestead lessee at Waiohuli, Maui, which means I have a homestead lease and no improved homestead lot to settle on. I retired last year after 35 years at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) and had the pleasure of working with Jobie on many occasions.

I believe Jobie is well-suited to take on this challenging position. Jobie served as Deputy Director of the DHHL from 1995 to 2003. During that eight-year period, she learned about the HHCA laws, rules, and its programs. One of her priorities was a multi-faceted initiative to successfully defend the HHCA against lawsuits, seek federal recognition status, fund legal counsel for beneficiaries specifically, and keep our beneficiaries very actively engaged. Most importantly, Jobie got to know and work closely with our native Hawaiian families and communities, applicants and lessees, statewide.

It is very difficult to find someone with real time experience and a working knowledge of the HHCA, its beneficiaries, its land and financial assets, and the many challenges and opportunities it faces. We have had three Chairmen in the past five years. Since returning in May 2012, Jobie has laid out a strategic plan and started to implement priorities and guide the work of the DHHL. Now is the time to make full use of her intimate knowledge and experience.

I urge you to confirm Jobie Masagatani as HHC Chairman. Jobie is qualified and knowledgeable of our trust doctrine and assets and our beneficiaries. She has had time to understand the opportunities and constraints we operate with. She is ready to implement these priorities. Jobie has demonstrated her commitment to this mission. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of her confirmation.

Darrell T. Young
94-209 Pulelo Place
Waipahu, HI 96797

February 23, 2015
1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 224

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOBIE
MASAGATANI, for a term to expire 12-31-2018**

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Committee Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria and members of the committee, I am writing in **strong support** of Jobie Masagatani as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I have had the distinct privilege and opportunity to serve as her most recent Deputy to the Chairperson at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands as part of the previous Administration. In all my dealings with her, she has proven to be someone who is very thoughtful, thorough and meticulous in her review and deliberation of issues, who sole focus is on the perpetuation of the Hawaiian Homes Trust and the in making sure that she and her fellow commissioners keep their fiduciary responsibilities at the forefront.

Under her most recent tenure, this department worked to address home buyer education, provided opportunities for financial readiness, made available packaged homes for lessees of lots that were vacant for decades and sought to establish greater working relationships with its beneficiary community leaders. Her biggest challenge in the coming years will be how to balance the “needs of the many” on the waitlist versus the “wants of the many” currently residing on the lands, with little to no financial support from the State or Federal government to do so. This financial disconnect is the biggest source of frustration and anxiety to the beneficiaries the department serves.

There are some who may oppose Ms. Masagatani confirmation. This is primarily because she is apolitical to a fault. Jobie does not and will not engage in any type of quid pro quo behavior, and as such this trait may come across to some as being aloof or uncaring. However, that mistaken perception is miles away from who Jobie is as a person. I can tell you unequivocally that there is no one more caring or more sensitive to the needs of the beneficiaries on the wait list than her.

I humbly ask that you confirm her nomination to allow her and her team to continue their good works. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**DEREK KIMURA
P.O. BOX 4603
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February 19, 2015

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Monday February 23, 2015
1:15 P.M., Conference Room 224

Governor's Message 509
Relating to the consideration and confirmation of
Gubernatorial Nominee, Jobie Masagatani
for
Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

ALOHA CHAIRPERSON MAILE SHIMABUKURO, VICE-CHAIR BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support for the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

As the Executive Assistant to Chairperson Masagatani, I am well aware of the challenges and difficulties of managing such a complex department as DHHL. Jobie Masagatani is one of the exceptional individuals who has the knowledge and experience to lead such an agency. She has a complete understanding of the department's homestead program, internal operations and budget requirements. As a 'hands on' administrator, any task undertaken by Jobie is accomplished at the highest level of quality and precision. She is a detailed perfectionist.

Jobie is a leader of high ethical character and integrity. She is fully committed to the mission of the agency and cares more for what is right regardless of the consequences that may reflect on her personally. She is vigilant about protecting the trust and carefully balances the needs of all native Hawaiian beneficiaries which include homesteaders, qualified Hawaiians on the wait list and future beneficiaries who are not on the wait list. This kind of perspective may displease those who expect their want and need to be satisfied before the greater majority.

There is no better qualified person to lead the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands than Jobie Masagatani. It is her experience, intelligence and integrity that makes her such an outstanding and worthy candidate. I strongly urge this committee to confirm Jobie Masagatani as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Respectfully yours,



Derek Kimura

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The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuru, Chair,
The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Nominee, Jobie Masagatani (GM 509)
Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Monday, February 23, 2015
1:15p Rm 224, State Capitol

Written Testimony of Dwight Takamine

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my strongest recommendations in support of the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I have known Jobie for several years, but have gotten to know her especially well while working with her as a colleague, as part of the Abercrombie Cabinet.

In short, Jobie is an excellent leader who really cares about people and about doing the best job possible. I worked closely with her on a Community Project, Waimea Nui, on the Big Island. It is a comprehensive program that empowers the community and addresses workforce development, agriculture, education, as well as healthcare for people living on Hawaiian Homes land. Jobie clearly listened to the Homesteaders, collaborated well with the other departments involved, and was a terrific facilitator in the process. Her first-hand knowledge about process and the people involved, made her input invaluable in moving the project forward.

After having served as the Director of the Labor Department, I feel the two most critical elements in running a department successfully are (1) your knowledge of the processes involved, and (2) your knowledge of the people you work with. Jobie's familiarity with both is a real strength, and her leadership style only helped to underscore her overall effectiveness.

Having served the Homesteaders for many years, especially the past four years in the capacity of Director, more than qualifies her to serve again, and would allow her to do an even better job. Jobie faced much adversity and many challenges during the past four years, and it is to her credit - and a reflection of her strong character - that she was able to implement many positive changes.

I believe that confirming her for another term will not only be good for the State, but would allow her further opportunity to implement even more meaningful reforms to benefit the beneficiaries, and the communities they are a part of, throughout Hawaii. Therefore, I request your favorable consideration for the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as Chairperson for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.



February 23, 2015

The Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Chair
And Committee Members
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Senate
415 S. Beretania Street, #222
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Shimabukuro and Committee Members:

RE: GM 509 Consideration and Confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, Jobie Masagatani, for a term to expire 12-31-2018

Thank you for your consideration of Jobie M. K. Masagatani as Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

My name is Edward Kobel, President of DeBartolo Development. I support the nomination of Ms. Masagatani to lead the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Ms. Masagatani has the ability and the skills to lead the Commission and the Department.

Through her leadership, the private-public partnering with the Department and DeBartolo Development will soon become a reality. The first regional shopping center to be built in over 30 years nationwide will be built on Hawaiian Home Lands and will provide benefits for both the native Hawaiian community and the State.

I look forward to a continued working partnership with Ms. Masagatani and her team and encourage you to confirm her as the Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Thank you for your consideration and for this opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

DeBartolo Development, LLC



EDWARD M. KOBEL

President & Chief Operating Officer

Testimony Presented Before the
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by
Elmer K. Ka'ai

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Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my support for Ms. Jobie Masagatani as the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Ms. Masagatani comes with a wealth of impressive credentials that will serve her well in this position.

I have worked with Ms. Masagatani and found her commitment toward excellence as one of her strongest traits. She has the willingness to take on difficult tasks and work on finding solutions to benefit the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Land Trust, the Native Hawaiian community and the State of Hawai'i. The challenges Ms. Masagatani are facing are taunting; but, I am confident, with the right people supporting her, she will persevere and overcome any issues facing the department and its beneficiaries.

For these reason, I encourage you to conform and consent Ms. Masagatani as the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

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Francis Apoliona	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I want to add my support to Ms. Jobie Masagatani as the nominee to be the Chair of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I first worked with Ms. Masagatani when she was the Deputy Director for DHHL in 1995. I found her to be a very intellegent and energetic administrator who primary focus was exclusively to the betterment of the Hawaiian people. That commitment still is alive and well today. I respect her immensely as my boss and wholeheartly endorse he nomination.

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February 20, 2015

To: Hawaii State Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Chairwoman, Senator Maile Shimabukuro
Vice Chairman, Senator Brickwood Galutaria

Aloha Honorable Senators,

Chairwoman Shimabukuro, and other distinguished members of this committee.
It is with Great Honor that I am able to extend a testimony of strong support for Ms. Jobie Masagatani in the confirmation of her appointment as Chairwoman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I am a Beneficiary of the Hawaiian Homes Lands residing on the Island of Molokai, which has the two Oldest of Hawaiian Homestead communities. Our community has received much support and growth through the implementation of assisted housing development. Ten of our Kupuna will receive assistance in home repairs, Molokai Habitat of Humanity through partnership with DHHL are also doing self-help home construction. Kalamaula Homestead association has broken ground on their kitchen/community center. These are just a few projects that has been initiated by Chair Masagatani in these short two years of her term.

As a member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, I have come to know and have seen Ms. Masagatani's strong leadership qualities in action. She has brought needed stability to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and has unified personnel as one fluid body. Jobie also proactively initiated needed services and programs that ensures beneficiary wellbeing and opportunities for homeownership throughout the state. She has also reactively been engaged in resolving all concerns brought on by the media, exacting fairness, equality, transparency, and improved policies.

Since being in office for two short years Chair Jobie Masagatani, has created a Water Policy; a Streamlined Refinance Program; a revamping of the Revocable Permit Program (RPP); the Geothermal Rights under Hawaiian homelands were determined at 100% for the Trust; a new Pilot Project utilizing packaged homes; moving forward with development of the Ka Makana Ali'i Project; and secured the Fiscal Budget 2015, determining (sufficient sums) with the State. These are a few monumental accomplishments competed during her half term of service. I know that Jobie has the career experience, skills and admirable qualities that makes her the best candidate for the Chairwoman of the Hawaiian Homes Lands.

I am honored to submit my testimony in strong support of Ms. Joboe Masagatani, and I ask your committee to advise and consent to her nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Ross K. Davis

Testimony of Helen N. Wai
Beneficiary
IN SUPPORT
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

February 23, 2015

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and members of the Committee,

My name is Helen N. Wai; I'm a third generation homestead lessee residing in Princess Kahanu Estates in Nanakuli for the past nineteen years. Both of my grandparents were beneficiaries of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and I have many family members who are currently beneficiaries and applicants.

I am writing this letter in support of Chairman, Ms. Masagatani and the great work that she has done in office within the two short years. She has created a water policy; a streamlined refinance program; a revamping of the Revocable Permit Program (RPP); the geothermal rights on Hawaiian homelands and were determined at 100%; a new pilot project (rent to own); moving forward with development of the Ka Makana Ali'i project; and secured the fiscal budget 2015, determining (sufficient funds) from the State. These are a few monumental accomplishments completed during her first term.

As a beneficiary of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust we need someone in the Chair position to move items forward for our people this is why I support Ms. Masagatani. Her leadership will directly and positively impact our lives, and the lives of many others in the broader Hawaiian community and our state. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with Ms. Masagatani and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to fulfill Prince Kūhiō's vision.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration of our testimony.

Sincerely,
Helen N. Wai

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Ivan Pauole	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in FULL Support for Jobie Masagatani as Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

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James Pao	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support Jobie Masagatani be the Chair of Hawaiian Homes Commission.

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Janice Takahashi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Jobie Masagatani's nomination. Having interacted with her at DHHL and OHA, I believe she has the character, experience, and knowledge to continue to chair the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Ms. Masagatani.

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Aloha, Chairperson Shimabukuro, Vice Chairperson Galuteria and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs. Please support GM 509 and GM 510 which would confirm Ms. Jobie Masagatani and Mr. William Aila, Jr. as Chairperson and Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, respectively. I have worked with Ms. Masagatani and know her to be highly intelligent, hard working, organized, efficient and a person of character and integrity. I do not know Mr. Aila, but friends who do know him speak of him with high regard. They are assets, and I am confident that Governor Ige and legislators would be proud to have them serve the Hawaiian people. Mahalo.
Jennifer Chiwa

February 23, 2015

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM 509, Nomination of Jobie Masagatani as the Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL)

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Committee Members,

My name is Jonathan Likeke Scheuer and I am testifying in **strong support** of the nomination of Jobie Masagatani as the as the Chairperson of the DHHL.

I believe my professional experience gives me a meaningful perspective to testify on this nomination. I was born and raised on the island of O`ahu and have studied and worked on environmental conflict management, particularly as it intersects with Hawaiian issues, for over two decades. I have worked for the Kamehameha Schools, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and from 2011 – 2014 as a consultant for DHHL; I am familiar with the challenges faced by the leadership of our Hawaiian Trusts. My past and present work has been significantly focused on how Hawaiian concerns are dealt with in policy making and how the rights of Hawaiians, including the native Hawaiian beneficiaries of the DHHL, can be effectively upheld.

It has been my honor to work with Chair Masagatani as the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) and DHHL worked for three years to develop its first policy ever regarding the rights to water of the Trust established by the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA). Chair Masagatani was far more than a passive supporter of a project that had begun prior to her assuming the leadership of DHHL. Rather, she is someone who understands the fundamental role of how rules, policy, and advocacy are critical factors in moving the mission of this Trust forward. I have also observed her to be both balanced and fearless in facing the difficult decisions regarding the management of Trust assets and the advocacy of the rights of the Trust.

Given the problematic history of the implementation of the HHCA, the Senate's role in confirmation of appointees of the leadership of the DHHL is critical. Chair Masagatani has the critical thinking, relationship, advocacy, and management skills that can help move this Trust forward. You have an opportunity today, by recommending to advise and consent to this nomination, to take a very positive step in implementing the HHCA, and I urge you to do so. Mahalo for your consideration of my mana`o.

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Kahana Albinio	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Testimony of Peter “Kahana” Albinio, Jr. To the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs (HWN) In support of Gubernatorial Nominee, JOBIE MASAGATANI, For Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (GM 509) February 23, 2015 Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee, I am in strong support of Jobie Masagatani and the confirmation of her appointment to lead the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and I ask your committee to advise and consent to her nomination. Mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kainea Aiwohi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, I oppose the selection of Jobie Masagatani as the DHHL chairperson. I strongly believe that Ms.Masagatani does not have the best interest of the Native Hawaiian people in mind. I believe that she will not help the Native Hawaiian people who are on the DHHL waitlist to receive their land awards. I strongly encourage you to deny her appointment to this position. Mahalo!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kamana'o Mills	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am testifying in STRONG SUPPORT for Gubernatorial Nominee Jobie Masagatani. She is extremely well qualified to serve as the Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. Jobie Masagatani has the passion to serve native Hawaiians, and she also has the abilities, qualification, knowledge, experience and management skills to be the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

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Katie Benioni	Individual	Support	No

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Subject: Testimony in opposition of the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani
Date: Saturday, February 21, 2015 3:44:52 PM

Aloha madam chair, mister vice-chair and fellow committee members,

I humbly submit this testimony in opposition of the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as the Director of the Department Hawaiian Home Lands.

My opposition is based on a recent discovery that validates beneficiary suspicions of discriminatory practices on the part of department staff and leadership. The discovery of documentation validating allegations of institutional discrimination by a thorough analysis of DHHL funding awards, proposals and reviewing and evaluating procedures. Is both shockingly disturbing and simply unacceptable.

The beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Land Trust deserve a director who will fight for them, not against them. I humbly oppose.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Lahela Williams

Testimony of Linda L. Chinn
To the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs (HWN)
In support of Gubernatorial Nominee, JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, For Chairperson of the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (GM 509)

February 13, 2015

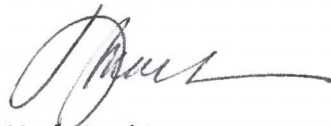
Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Jobie M. K. Masagatani and the confirmation of her appointment to lead the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Ms. Masagatani's leadership is good for this Department. She has demonstrated her acute understanding of the program, her ability to lead it, and her sound decision-making to move the Trust forward. As a staff person who worked under Ms. Masagatani from 1995 to 2002, and again from 2012 to now, I am confident in her leadership and her commitment to create firm business partnerships that will generate resources for the development of homesteads for native Hawaiians.

I am honored to submit my testimony in strong support of Ms. Masagatani, and I ask your committee to advise and consent to her nomination. Mahalo nui loa.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Chinn', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Linda L. Chinn

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Lon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Jobie Masagatani as the Chair of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

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Madeline McCabe-Neely	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: In support of the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as the Director of Hawaiian Homelands.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marjorie K. Tupper	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Ms. Masagatani will look at everything that will help Hawaiian people of the past, present and future generations. She is willing to do what is judicious, which is not always popular; and she knows her job is a responsibility that is burdensome but necessary.

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Marla Wain	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melissa Pavlicek	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria and members of the Committee: my name is Melissa Pavlicek and I am writing in support of JOBIE MASAGATANI's appointment as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. I have had the opportunity to personally observe Ms. Masagatani's commitment to public service and the community as a whole. Mahalo for your consideration.

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Michael Nahoopii	Individual	Support	No

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Testimony of Michael Richey
To the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs (HWN)
In support of Gubernatorial Nominee, JOBIE MASAGATANI, For Chairperson of the Department
of Hawaiian Home Lands (GM 509)

February 10, 2015

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee,

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Jobie Masagatani and the confirmation of her appointment to lead the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

As a native Hawaiian, I support other qualified Hawaiians who are given the opportunity to serve and lead our community. Ms. Masagatani's background shows a career fully committed to the betterment of our Hawaiian community. She is a leader that our community and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands need now.

I know Ms. Masagatani's leadership is good for our trust and our Hawaiian homestead program. If you consider the accomplishments of the DHHL under her administration for the last two years as well as her work as the deputy at the DHHL from 1995 to 2002, you will understand that we will all gain from her leadership over the next four years. Because Ms. Masagatani knows this program completely, she will continue to lead efficiently, competently, and resourcefully to stabilize the program and move it forward.

I am honored to submit my testimony in strong support of Ms. Masagatani, and I ask your committee to advise and consent to her nomination. Mahalo nui loa.

February 23, 2015

The Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Chair
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

Subject: GM 509 – Letter in Support of Jobie Masagatani

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Jobie Masagatani as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Jobie joins this administration with excellent professional and academic credentials. Having worked with her in the past, I personally can testify to her exceptional leadership abilities. Some words that describe her are: organized, thorough, complete, compassionate, committed. One of Jobie's most outstanding attributes is her honesty.

Jobie has tirelessly advocated for the native Hawaiian community and the Hawaiian community at large. I believe that Governor Ige made the right decision in his selection of Jobie. I respectfully request confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as the Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michele M. Ikeda

Testimony of Michelle W. H. Brown
To the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs (HWN)
In support of Gubernatorial Nominee, JOBIE MASAGATANI, For Chairperson of the Department
of Hawaiian Home Lands (GM 509)

February 23, 2015

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee,

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Jobie M. K. Masagatani and the confirmation of her appointment to lead the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. For the past 2 and half years I have had the honor and utmost respect with working for Ms. Masagatani as Secretarial support for the Office of the Chairman as Executive Assistant Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Acting Hawaiian Homes Commission Secretary and currently Ms. Masagatani's Private Secretary. In my positions within the 4 years I have been with Hawaiian Home Lands, I have witnessed many adversary. I must say that under the direction of Ms. Masagatani the Department has been able to move forward with doing what is Pono. I feel that with another 4 years of Leadership under Ms. Masagatani along with Deputy William Aila that WE, as a Department are able to serve with Pride and Dignity and offer stellar service to our Native Hawaiian Beneficiaries.

I know Ms. Masagatani's leadership is good for our trust and our Hawaiian homestead program. If you consider the accomplishments of the DHHL under her administration for the last two years as well as her work as the deputy at the DHHL from 1995 to 2002, you will understand that we will all gain from her leadership over the next four years. Because Ms. Masagatani knows this program completely, she will continue to lead efficiently, competently, and resourcefully to stabilize the program and move it forward.

I am honored and humbled to be able to provide testimony in FULL STRONG SUPPORT for the reappointment to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands of Ms. Jobie M. K. Masagatani to the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Michelle W. H. Brown

Testimony of Niniau Kawaihae Simmons
To the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs (HWN)
In support of Gubernatorial Nominee, JOBIE MASAGATANI, For Chairperson of the Department
of Hawaiian Home Lands (GM 509)

February 23, 2015

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee,

I want to begin by offering a sincere mahalo a nui loa for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Ms. Jobie Masagatani and the confirmation of her appointment to lead the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

For the past two years, I have had the pleasure of working with Ms. Masagatani as a direct report as the NAHASDA Manager. My position is tasked with the management of the federal block grant monies that come directly to the department as a result of Title VIII of the Native American Housing and Self Determination Act. These monies are set aside for native Hawaiian beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homestead Act of 1920, as amended, who are at or below 80% Area Median Income. I had not known Ms. Masagatani prior to accepting this position and had come to the department already familiar with block grants and NAHASDA in my former capacity as deputy director of the County of Hawaii's Office of Housing and Community Development. Ms. Masagatani and I spent hundreds of hours designing activities that would benefit our native Hawaiian beneficiaries, many of whom are experiencing financial difficulty as a result of the recession. These hours spent together in the last two years allowed me to appreciate the height and breadth of her intellect, her advanced knowledge base with regards to the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust, and her passion for serving our Hawaiian community. The very fact that she was available to me as an employee was notable as the former NAHASDA Managers under prior Chairmen were denied staff and time – two important areas that made our spend down of the federal money successful.

Briefly, let me highlight what Ms. Masagatani was able to do:

- Obligate \$21 million in capital improvement projects: Lai Opuia; East Kapolei II; and, this summer, Waiohuli
- Add five full time NAHASDA funded positions
- Obligate \$6 million in home repair loans to aging or disable homesteaders on Molokai; East Hawaii; and Oahu
- Allocate \$45 million in homeowner financing through our package home partnership with Honsador and HPM for vacant lot lessees in Keaukaha and Kalamaula
- Allocate \$2 million to address lessees in financial distress or having difficulty qualifying for a loan

I want to conclude my testimony by talking about a recent groundbreaking held for a young homeowner on Molokai last month. Despite being autistic, a young native Hawaiian will soon become a homeowner later this year because of his participation in Maui County's Section 8

homeownership program. This young man, despite the challenges of his condition, with the love and support of his family, will realize a dream many can only yet achieve in their minds: the Section 8 program will pay off his mortgage in 15 years. This is what Ms. Masagatani's leadership is about. This is the kind of creative thinking and building community relationships that are having a positive result. The best leader is the one who assembles a strong team, identifies their priorities, and then lets them do what they do best.

I ask that all of you on this committee be that "best leader" and let Ms. Masagatani, and her team, do what they do best.

'O wau no me ka mahalo he nui,

Niniau Kawaihae Simmons
Harry S. Truman Scholar – HI '00

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RE: GM 509 Testimony in Support for Jobie Masagatani

Aloha Chair Maile Shimabukuro and Senators,

I am testifying in STRONG SUPPORT for Gubernatorial Nominee Jobie Masagatani. She is extremely well qualified to serve as the Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

I have had the opportunity to interact with her since her appointment. She is passionate, intelligent and willing to make the hard choices necessary to advance the purposes of the trust.

She is willing to take the time to understand the needs and challenges of the individuals and families that seek assistance from the department.

As Chair, she have been able to build on her prior experience when she served as the deputy. Some challenges facing DHHL are the same as years ago, however, she is very quick to bring a present day perspective on the immense challenges facing the department today. You do not need to repeat or explain issues to her. She readily grasps the essence of the issue and comes back with a relevant question or response.

Detractors will continue to raise long-standing problems facing the homelands. Chair Masagatani has chosen to face the challenges and challengers head on. There is no question in my mind that she will endeavor to do what is right for the Hawaiian Home Land Trust and for the beneficiaries. Doing what is right for the beneficiaries will result in a better Hawaii for all who choose to live here.

Competing interests tug at the Chair, the commissioners, and the staff. The Chair has been able to evaluate the requests, prioritize that request relative to the many competing requests, and then work with the community, the staff, the commissioners and various interest groups to guide all involved toward the solutions that best serve the many beneficiaries of the trust. There

I ask for your SUPPORT for Chair Masagatani.

Aloha and God Bless,



Norman L Sakamoto

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To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Subject: Appiontment of Jobie Masagatani as Director of DHHL

Senator Shimabukuro, Chair, Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs: My name is Oswald K. Stender, a Native Hawaiian, a retired businessman and a voter and I write this letter in support of the appointment of Ms. Jobie Masagutani as Director of DHHL. .I have known Jobie for more than 30 years. I first met Jobie when she was a dancer for Kumu Hula Mapuana DeSilva and Jobie was a dancer for Halau Mohala Ilima. Years later I had the opportunity to work with Jobie when she was an employee at the B.P. Bishop Estate and i was a Trustee. I followed her career when she moved on to the University of Hawaii and later as Deputy Director at DHHL. . And still later I I had the opportunity to working with Jobie when she was an employee at OHA and I was a Trustee. As you can see, I know Jobie well.I gave testimony in her support of the Director of DHHL when she was appointed by Gov. Neil Abercrombie. Jobie has demonstrated her management skills, particularly in this past year, in which Jobie managed this situation with utmost skill and compassion. Mahalo for your favorable consideration. Mahalo and aloha. OK Stender

Testimony of Patricia K. Brandt
To the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs (HWN)
In support of the nomination of JOBIE MASAGATANI as Chairperson
of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL)(GM 509)

February 23 2015

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee.

My name is Patricia K. Brandt. Mahalo for the opportunity to voice my strong support for the nomination of Jobie Masagatani to head the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Historically, the Department has suffered from inadequate funding for administration and program development. Rental of parcels to non-Hawaiians, fees from beneficiaries and grant or loan monies from other Hawaiian organizations has never been adequate to address improvement of subpar lands, access to essential state/county services such as access roads, water, sewage and electricity and basic infrastructure to meet the needs of long-waiting beneficiaries. A look at the projects initiated or completed during Ms. Masagatani's short years as Director, and before that as Deputy, shows an encouraging trend to increase funding opportunities. From the internal cost savings, i.e., rental of unused office space to HCDA, refinancing debt for lower interest rates, to the larger partnerships with De Bartolo (forecasted to generate nearly \$600 million in lease rents) and a lease to DiNapoli Investment allowing a \$15 million upgrade to Aloha Beach Resort in Kauai, progress is being made. Collaborative partnerships that benefit the Department and its beneficiaries is a strength of the current leadership. Collaborating with beneficiaries, such as the statewide meetings scheduled to gather input on the new rules for leasing Department lands is also an encouraging sign of valuing beneficiary input.

These challenges and some ideas to address them were inherited by Ms. Masagatani upon her appointment. That leads me to another challenge I wish to address, longevity of leadership. There have been several brilliant and dedicated leaders at the Department but there has also been, recently, a series of short term appointments. You need to give good people a decent chance to develop strong programs and see them through. One quick example: I am the Director of Na Kupa'a o Kuhio. Several years (and Chairpersons) ago, we were formed to access USDA funding for water and sewer projects on homestead lands. The Department, as a state agency, was not eligible to apply. We partnered with the Department and submitted eight applications for funding at various sites. Eight applications were approved, totaling \$11,558,475 in low cost loans (3.5 to 4.3%) and \$7,426,430 in outright grants. In approximately six years, there have been 4 different Chairpersons. Priorities changed, the Department's funding changed and projects lagged. Since Ms. Masagatani's term we have started moving again and currently have two projects completed in Moloka'i and Kaua'i and two projects scheduled to be completed this year in Waimanalo and Kapolei. I believe this is just one example of the negative impact of a constant revolving door of directors.

There is no question that we are in a fiscal crises at this time. At DHHL, we can document notable progress during her short tenure. Please don't make us go through another "introductory" phase with another Director when we have the right person on the job now. Please approve Ms. Masagatani's re-appointment.

TESTIMONY OF PATRICIA M. ZELL
BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
IN SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNOR'S NOMINEE
TO SERVE AS CHAIRPERSON
OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

February 23, 2015

Chairperson Shimabukuro, Vice Chairman Galuteria, and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, I am honored to have the opportunity to submit testimony to the Committee in support of Ms. Jobie Masagatani to serve as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

By way of background, I served as the Staff Director and Chief Counsel of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs for 25 years, and for the last twenty of those years, I had the privilege of working with Senator Daniel K. Inouye in his capacity as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. The Committee has the responsibility of addressing the needs of American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians.

Beginning in 1989, the Committee held hearings on each of the five principal islands in Hawaii on the implementation of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1921. As you know, the Act did not provide authority for the appropriation of Federal funds to effectively administer the Act, and thus, long before Hawaii entered the Union, the program was severely underfunded and progress toward assuring that native Hawaiians could

have the means of owning a home on the Hawaiian Home Lands was frustrated to say the least. During the course of those hearings, the Committee heard from scores of native Hawaiians – many of whom had been on a waiting list for an assignment of land for years and years.

At that time and in subsequent years, I also had the opportunity to work with several of the past Chairs of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and to learn of the steady progress that the Department was making in its goal of settling native Hawaiians on the lands that were set aside for their benefit. Many years later, I was in a position to work with the native Hawaiian community in developing Title VIII of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act, which authorizes funds and loan guarantees for the construction of homes on the Hawaiian Home Lands.

I first came to know Ms. Masagatani in her capacity as Deputy Director of the Department under the Chairmanship of Mr. Ray Soon, and was very impressed with her understanding of the challenges of those seeking to reside on the homelands and her effectiveness in addressing their concerns. Since that time, I have also had the opportunity to work with Ms. Masagatani after she assumed the position of Chair of the Department and have witnessed her efficiency in identifying additional sources of funding for the Hawaiian Home Lands program and her leadership in administering DHHL programs. Ms. Masagatani is held in high regard by those who have served with her, and working together, they have upheld the promise of a brighter future for native Hawaiians.

I strongly endorse the Governor's wise decision in nominating Jobie Masagatani to serve as Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

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Paula Aila	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Ms. Jobie Masagatani to continue as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. Keeping Ms. Masagatani in this position will provide the continuity of the leadership of DHHL to continue the work currently underway to support the beneficiaries of DHHL. Mahalo, Paula Aila

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Testimony of Perry O. Artates
To the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs (HWN)
In support of Gubernatorial Nominee, JOBIE MASAGATANI, For Chairperson of the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (GM 509)

February 23, 2015

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee,

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Jobie Masagatani and the confirmation of her appointment to continue leading the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

As a native Hawaiian, I support other qualified Hawaiians who are given the opportunity to serve and lead our community. Ms. Masagatani's background shows a career fully committed to the betterment of our Hawaiian community. She is a leader that our community and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands need now.

As a beneficiary of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust and a lessee in Waiohuli, Maui since 2002, I know Ms. Masagatani's leadership is good for our trust and our Hawaiian homestead program. If you consider her accomplishments and achievements of the department in the last two years, you will understand that we will all gain from her leadership over the next four years.

As a former member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, I have seen myself how Ms. Masagatani works as the chairman and makes decisions that help native Hawaiians successfully return to the land, prevent the alienation of trust assets, and advance the interests of both applicants and homestead lessees. I also believe she is responsive to the needs of Maui, the area I represented while serving on the commission. Since her appointment in May 2012, Ms. Masagatani's has taken action to support the development of Pulehunui (a much needed project that will positively impact Maui's economy), the exploration of various options to meet the commitments made by previous administrations to Maui beneficiaries, and engagement with the energy industry and investors to establish a consistent revenue stream to cover the operating expenses of the department and sustain homestead development a priority.

I am honored to submit my testimony in strong support of Ms. Masagatani, and I ask your committee to advise and consent to her nomination. Mahalo nui loa.

With Respect, I am,

Perry O. Artates

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Quenton Brown	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in FULL support of the following Jobie M.K. Masagatani on her confirmation as Chariman to The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Chair Masagatani has GREAT Leadership qualities and Dedication of service to the State of Hawaii

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February 22, 2015

The Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Chair
The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
State Capitol, Room 224
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM509 TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE CONFIRMATION OF JOBIE
MASAGATANI AS THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN
HOME LANDS

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Honorable Members:

My name is Rebecca Soon, and I am writing in support of Jobie Masagatani's nomination to serve as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I have known Jobie Masagatani personally for over fifteen years, primarily in her capacity as a leader within various organizations serving the Hawaiian community. During that time, I have known her to be extremely knowledgeable, thoughtful, hard-working, and passionate about the future of the Hawaiian people.

DHHL has a great charge with an overwhelming number of challenges, and our community needs someone who will fight through those challenges with integrity. I strongly believe Jobie Masagatani to be that person. She has proven herself as Chairperson over the last few years to have in depth understanding of the community needs, integrity in pushing forward always the mission of DHHL, and innovation in putting Hawaiian families back on the 'āina and ensuring they have the resources they need to be successful. I believe she will continue to serve our community well should she have the opportunity. Mahalo for your consideration.

Me ka 'ōia'ī'o,



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert J Hall	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Testimony in support of Jobie Masaegatani for continued directorship of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. "Jobie" has endured much bias and contempt from individuals and groups who's intent can only be seen as self serving. Having assumed a position plagued with challenges, Jobie has set a course for long-term success and parity. While not popular, her policies will endure the test of time and will inevitably "heal" the core of the Department's framework.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robin Danner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: With a heavy heart, I oppose the confirmation of this director. If senators are unable to oppose due to deep personal relationships, I hope they will abstain and not cast a vote in support.

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Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
February 23, 2015 at 1:15 p.m.

by
Rockne Freitas
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GM 509 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOBIE MASAGATANI, for a term to expire 12-21-2018.

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee:

Mahalo for the opportunity to express my enthusiastic support of Governor's Message 509 and the nomination of Ms. Jobie Masagatani as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for the State of Hawai'i.

I have known Jobie for 20 years. Our paths first crossed in 1995 at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands where she served as Deputy to the Chairman and I served as a Commissioner. Jobie immediately impressed me with her energy, vision, and sound decision making skills.

Throughout the years, and in my various capacities at the University of Hawai'i, I have had the pleasure of working with Jobie. Currently, Jobie serves as a vital member of our University of Hawai'i West O'ahu Community Advisory Committee. She and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands are a significant resource in our West O'ahu community, and her perspectives have contributed substantially to the future development and plans of our campus.

Jobie's experience, education, and temperament to turn ideas into action make her an outstanding nominee to serve as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. She has proved to be a dedicated and committed professional to public service and the Hawaiian community.

Mahalo for the opportunity to share my mana'o and strong support of Jobie Masagatani.

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Rodney Lau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support Jobie Masagatani's confirmation as Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

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Testimony of Sam Richey
To the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs (HWN)
In support of Gubernatorial Nominee, JOBIE MASAGATANI, For Chairperson of the Department
of Hawaiian Home Lands (GM 509)

February 10, 2015

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee,

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Shane Nelsen	Individual	Support	No

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Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro
Senator Brickwood Galuteria
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
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JOBIE MASAGATANI Chairperson Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Aloha Mai Kakou,

It is an honor writing to you today in support of Governor Ige's nominee, Jobie Masagatani to fulfill the duties of Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Land.

I am Wallace A Ishibashi Jr retired ILWU Local 142 Hawaii Division Director. Currently I am employed at the University Of Hawaii, Office of Maunakea Management. Also I'm the Moku O Keawe, East Hawaii Commissioner for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I have dedicated my career to helping the working family's of Hawaii. During that time I have come in contact with so many wonderful people who have contributed so much time and efforts to this beautiful State of Hawaii. I can say Jobie Masagatani has proven herself as a true leader in our community, She has dedicated her life for the betterment of the Hawaiian people, her family, her Hawaii.

DHHL has so many issues that has prevented the department from carrying out it's mission. Besides financial,so many concerns has been stalled for so many years frustration from our beneficiaries is justified and warranted. This has surfaced in the news, social media, coconut wireless during my first short year as commissioner. Jobie has handled each issue in a very professional and understanding way, as soon as the questions were bombarded to DHHL she answered in an calm and articulate manner. I have witnessed this first hand,Jobie handles the pressure of the office of Chair very well. I concur with the Governor to maintain continuity is critical at this point in time. A decisive visionary woman. who has a deep understanding of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. Jobie has helped so many families when they did not comprehend the issues they were facing. Her broad range of expertise makes her more then qualified to continue to serve in this capacity as Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Homes Lands.

Please I humbly ask you to join with me and confirm Ms Jobie Masagatani as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mahalo nui loa

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February 22, 2015

Senator Maile Shimabukuro
Chair, Senate Committee
Hawaiian Affairs

Testimony in strong support of G. M. , Confirmation of Jobie M. K. Masagatani, Chairperson Department of Hawaiian Homelands

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro and members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs.

I, as the former Chairman of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, had on many occasions the pleasure of working with Jobie as she advocated for the benefit of Hawaiian Homes beneficiaries. I can say with conviction that she has demonstrated a devotion to the principals of Prince Kuhio and the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. Jobie's critics often misunderstand her decisions as attacks on their positions. However, her implementation of the Act requires that she base decisions on serving all of the beneficiaries as well as protect the corpus of the Trust assets.

Jobie is intelligent, honest, and extremely hard working, often in the office long after everyone else has left and more than several occasions can be found there on weekends. Her commitment to native Hawaiians is simply unquestionable.

Her devotion to her children and parents, while taking Kuleana for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) is admirable. I am honored and eagerly look forward to working with Jobie and the staff at DHHL to developing creative solutions to face an uncertain financial future.

As the spouse of a homesteader, and as a homesteader, we are very great full for the thoughtful and consistent leadership that Jobie has demonstrated. Mahalo, for your consideration of this inspiring Hawaiian woman.

William J. Aila Jr. and Melva Aila
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808.330.0376 cell.

February 17, 2015

Senator Maile Shimabukuro
Hawaii State Capitol
Room Room 222

Dear Senator Shimabukuro:

Subject: No Confidence Vote towards the Governor's DHHL Chairman Nominee

First, please accept this written testimony in place of in-person testimony. We understand in-person testimony has greater credibility, but please afford us the understanding that retaliation and job loss does exist in the work place. To this extent, please do not translate this written testimony as the voice of a silent minority because as many Department staff that are there to support Ms. Masagatani's nomination as Chairman to DHHL, there is an equal or greater number of staff concerned that her successful appointment will intensify the fractional, dysfunctional, even hostile work place at DHHL. In spite of what we just said, this is not a popularity contest as to who has more supporters than others. This is about what's good for DHHL's future, and DHHL's role for the Hawaiian community. Also, please do not be misled by the staff support for Ms. Masagatani, as a request to appear and provide support testimony has been circulated within the Department.

Second, this written testimony is a follow-up to the attached previous written testimony provided to Governor Ige's cabinet nomination committee. Making trouble is not our intent. We are not trouble makers. We know our jobs, we do our work with pride and professionalism. Our written testimony is intended to describe the internal disarray and the direction that DHHL is heading because of an administrative approach that seems to lack direction, respect, proper behavior and operates from a sense of entitlement. DHHL is an executive branch of the State government and not a quasi-state agency, operating with more autonomy. As said in social health, abuse thrives when the abuses remain silent.

Having known Ms. Masagatani from her previous tour of duty at DHHL as Deputy to the Chair in 1990s/2000s, Staff embraced Ms. Masagatani's appointment by Governor Abercrombie, anticipating change for the better given the situation created by the Administration before her, which can be described as one of an "in-your-face, activist, self-awarding, asset raiding, entitled" administration approach, like little children in a candy store. Ms. Masagatani has now been Chairman for two years and while she has reduced the "self-awarding and asset raiding" interest from her administration, Ms. Masagatani is steeped in OHA management style from where she did a tour of duty before coming to DHHL as its Chairman and of which the community well knows to be difficult, fractional, dysfunctional and where "I can and will do, what I want" regardless of the laws, rules, guidelines and what others and employees who are considered experts in their specialty areas, may advise". This breeds chaos and disorder, the current state within which DHHL stands. It cannot continue. Other adjectives describing Ms. Masagatani's administrative style include emotional, unreasonable, non-listening, ill-tempered, ill-treating – at times brutal, favoritisms, discriminatory, very slow and poor decision making. Positive adjectives to describe Ms. Masagatani's administrative approach include politically savvy, but being politically savvy is only one skill needed to administer properly. Over the two Administrations of the last four years, DHHL has been guided by immature and inexperienced administrators unable to learn the job and deal with the everyday stresses of the job.

In contrast, the Governor's nominated Deputy to the Chair, Mr. William Aila, Staff has heard good things about his guidance and leadership at DLNR. His respect toward staff and ability to navigate the diverse interests of the Department, community and the State, exhibits a seasoned administrator, a good listener, a reasonable decision maker and a gentleman. During the month that Mr. Aila has been at DHHL, our interactions and impressions confirm all we have heard. It is well known that Mr. Aila was a community activist while he was a Harbor Master on the Waianae Coast and this is where it becomes an amazing story, because he changed his game, he learned and grew with the job, and became a very "likeable chap" in DLNR and the community. Considering DLNR is a large Department with a much larger, diverse and controversial agenda, this is quite an accomplishment. We believe the correct arrangement of the Governor's nominees is to flip the names and positions.

Beginning with Governor John Waihee, after twenty years of doing good work and enriching the Hawaiian community, DHHL has drawn attention to itself from all sides, good and bad, like most success stories. DHHL is now seen as a fruit ripe for picking and many are looking at the fruit with a sense of entitlement, even to the point of writing strategic policy and plans for the Department. A new era with new sets of challenges is setting upon DHHL and the new leader should be setting the plans and guidelines to navigate these challenges. Just as Kamehameha Schools went through growing pains to restructure and regain or reset its prospective, now is a good time for DHHL to reassess and reset its role to the Hawaiian community. This requires an objective, balanced minded leader, quite the opposite of an activist oriented leader pursuing a disenfranchised, unfocused agenda which will only lead DHHL back to what the Department was before the 1990s.

Referring back to the fear of retaliation, job loss and credibility of this written testimony, a list of initialized signatures can be provided upon request. Thank you for your consideration to this matter.

Yours truly and respectfully submitted,

DHHL Concerned Employees

Attachment

cc: All Senators, Hawaii State Capitol
Governor David Y. Ige
Lt. Governor Shan S. Tsutsui
Chief of Staff Mike McCartney

December 3, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: A Vote of No Confidence for the Hawaiian Home Lands Commission Chair

This vote of no confidence reflects an insiders' view of the current Hawaiian Home Lands Chair. This view is from Department staff that has seen Department administration changes dating back more than fifteen (15) years.

Chair Masagatani's performance the past two years raises serious concerns about her abilities to lead the Department, resolve issues affecting the Department, inspire her leadership team to carry out strategic goals and champion the Department to its community. After correcting the challenges of the previous administration, Chair Masagatani has struggled to move forward with the business of the Department.

Chair Masagatani's performance can best be described as "stuck in indecision" arising from an unwillingness and mistrust of other viewpoints or simply paranoia. There is an absence of willingness or lack of respect to entertain, consider and discuss differing viewpoints and alternatives by Chair Masagatani. Far from being collaborative, Chair Masagatani prefers to direct from her viewpoint, which in many cases are counter to directives and policies. An example would be converting staff positions from exempt status to civil service status to comply with the Nelson Court ruling. To date no positions have been converted since the ruling. Decisions are delayed and put off until she finds the answer for herself, which has the effect of flooding the Department with unattended issues, an example being an eight (8) month backlog of unapproved Commission minutes. Other mismanagement issues include failing to comply with the Budget Execution Policy, breached personal files, and fiscal indiscretions.

Staff has tried to discuss these issues with her over the past year and have been unsuccessful in improving her performance. Instead, the divisiveness among Department divisions has intensified, with increasing zero-sum-game attitudes about division responsibilities and who's getting whose money.

It is time for responsible leadership. The last four Chairs have saddled the Department with unqualified staff at excessively high payrolls, deals that are losers for the Department, and false hopes given to its communities and constitutes.

Thank you for your consideration to this important issue. Our hopes and goals are for a Department that will better and responsibly serve its communities.

Yours truly,

Concerned Staff at DHHL

Petition to Re-appoint Jobie M. K. Masagatani as HHC Chair of the State of Hawai'i Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL)

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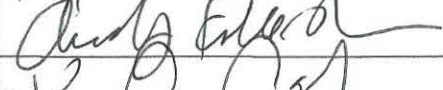
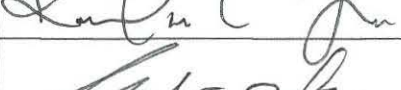
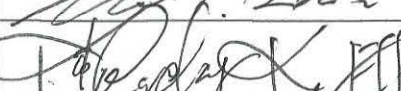



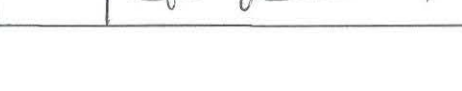

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Shaqsteen Kahaunale	Shaqsteen Kahaunale (H)	Anahola homesteader
Devin Marquez	Devin Marquez (H)	Anahola homesteader
Alan Kahaunale	Alan Kahaunale (H)	Anahola homesteader
MAYBELLE K. KAAA	Maybelle K. Kaaa (H)	" "
BERNADETTE K. AKE	Bernadette K. Ake (H)	Anahola supporter
Shawnie Kaka	Shawnie Kaka (H)	" "
June Sekioka	June Sekioka	Supporter
Dennis Wata	Dennis Wata (H)	Anahola Homesteader
Ginger Contrados	Ginger Contrados (H)	Anahola lessee

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Katherine Matsushime	 (H)	Homesteader/Lessee "
Andrey Kuhaulani-Narr	 (H)	Homesteader/Lessee "
Kaulana Cefhan	 (H)	Homesteader "
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Yvonne Cortadas	[Signature] (11)	Homesteader "
Judison Paleracio	Judison Paleracio (4)	Homesteader "
Harry Kaneholani	Harry Kaneholani Sr (11)	Homesteader "
Ernest Carvalho	Ernest Carvalho Jr (4)	Homesteader "
Sylvia Cole	Sylvia Cole (1)	Anahola Supporter "
Twynn Peahu	[Signature] (11)	H/ldr. "
Sami Cole	Sami Cole (4)	Supporter
Shawn Kalani	[Signature] (11)	Supporter

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(H) Milani Kaneholani	Milani Kaneholani (H)	Lessee Anahola
(H) Robert K Davis	Robert K. Davis (H)	Supporter "
(H) Kory K. Kaneholani-Davis	Kory K. Kaneholani-Davis (H)	Homesteader "
(H) Shayda K Saray	Shayda K Saray (H)	Lessee "
(H) Kahealani Pa	Kahealani Pa (H)	Homesteader "
(H) KAUKE, MATT	M. Kauke (H)	HOMESTEADER "
(H) Makepa, Kaipo	Makepa Kaipo (H)	Homesteader "
(H) Kamoku, Shellee	Shellee Kamoku (H)	Homesteader "
(H) Carolyn Gutierrez	Carolyn Gutierrez (H)	Lessee "

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Tracy Lynn J. Kukuluwa	Tracy Lynn J. Kukuluwa (H)	homesteader "
Jemine L. Kukuluwa	Jemine L. Kukuluwa (H)	homesteader "
Jacob Kukuluwa	Jacob Kukuluwa (H)	Homesteader "
Rachel Smith	Rachel Smith (H)	Homesteader "
Tracy Lynne Boreillo	Tracy Lynne Boreillo (H)	Homesteader "
Nalia Leong	Nalia Leong (H)	Homesteads "
Abram Kukuluwa	Abram Kukuluwa (H)	Homesteads "
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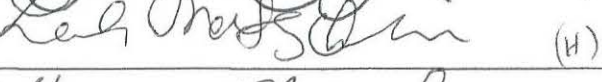
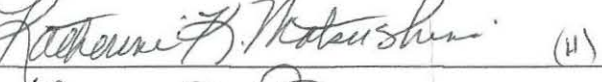

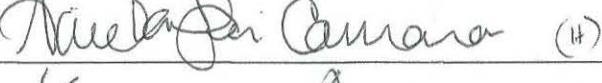

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(H) Jeff Aino	 (H)	Hanapepe Homesteads
Pam TAALA		Supporter
(H) Elizabeth Cole	 (H)	Supporter
Beverly Hashimoto	 Beverly Hashimoto	Supporter
(H) TWANNE COLE	 (H)	"
(H) Sherri Cole		Supporter
(H) Jerome Macabeo	 (H)	Supporter
Ani Macabeo		Supporter
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(H)	Chelsey K. M. Contrades	 (H)	Homesteader
(H)	Cassandra Camara	 (H)	Homesteader
(H)	ARON CAMARA	 (H)	SUPPORTER
(H)	Teeana Valpoon	 (H)	Supporter
(H)	Leah Matsushima	 (H)	Supporter / Homesteader
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CHARMAINE KAEOHANO	<i>Charmaine Kaeohano</i> (H)	" "
Nancy Hodnefield	<i>Nancy B. Hodnefield</i>	" "
William K Kinney	<i>William Kinney Sr.</i> (H)	" "
Ginger Lee Kaleichii	<i>Ginger Lee Kaleichii</i> (H)	" "
Amron Carvalho	<i>Amron Carvalho</i> (H)	Supporter
Sally Ngura	<i>Sally Ngura</i>	"
Roxanne Carvalho	<i>Roxanne Carvalho</i> (H)	Anahola supporter
H'ilani Tuazon	<i>H. Tuazon</i> (H)	Supporter
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(H) Jacqueline Leaoio	Jacqueline Leaoio (H)	Anahole Homesteader (Lessee)
(H) Heunani Kahikaha-Puana	Heunani Kahikaha-Puana (H)	Anahole Homesteader
(H) NATALIE SULLIVAN	Natalie Sullivan (H)	ANAHOLA Homesteader
(H) Rhyenne K Reyes	Rhyenne K Reyes (H)	Anahole Lessee Homesteader
(H) Mitzie L. Kaleiohi	Mitzie L. Kaleiohi (H)	Anahole Homesteader (Lessee)
(H) Tanara Kaleiohi	Tanara Kaleiohi (H)	Anahole (Lessee)
(H) Edward Kaleiohi	Edward Kaleiohi (H)	
(H) Jocabus Marlik	Jocabus Marlik	
(H) Andreas Kaleiohi	Andreas Kaleiohi (H)	

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Jerry Nakasone	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	supporter
Brenda-Lee Kaleiohi	Brenda Lee Kaleiohi (H)	Homesteader Anahola
Brenna "	Brenna Kaleiohi (H)	"
Corina Kaleiohi "	Corina Kaleiohi (H)	"
Danielle Contreras Padilla	Danielle Contreras Padilla (H)	Supporter
Israel Padilla-Contreras	Israel Padilla-Contreras (H)	"
Inalani Martin	Inalani Martin (H)	# Lessee Anahola
David K.K. Kahauna'eale	David K.K. Kahauna'eale (H)	Homesteader/Lessee "
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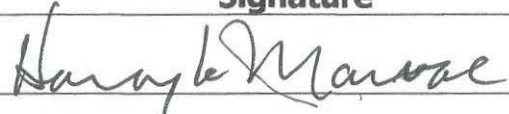
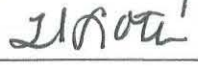
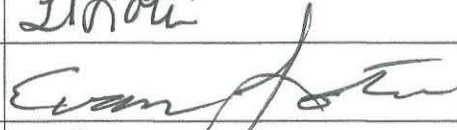

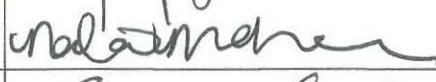
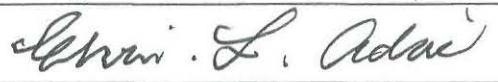
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(H) Duke Palakiko	Duke Palakiko (H)	Supporter "
(H) Irie Palakiko	Irie K. Palakiko (H)	Supporter "
(H) James Kaauwai	James Kaauwai (H)	"
(H) Annette Kaauwai	Annette K. Kaauwai (H)	Supporter Homesteader/Lessee
(H) nanette nizo	Nanette Nizo (H)	lessee
(H) Lolita C. Ornellas	Lolita C. Ornellas. (H)	Homesteader
(H) Roland K. Ornellas	Roland K. Ornellas (H)	lessee
(H) Edmund C. Demello	Edmund C. Demello (H)	lessee
Dana S. De Mello	Dana De Mello	Homesteader

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Hazel Lotu		" "
EVAN Lotu		"
Jay Lotu		" "
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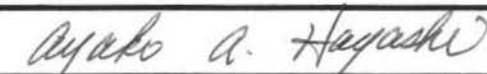

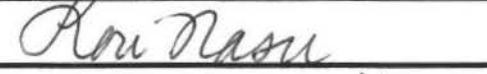
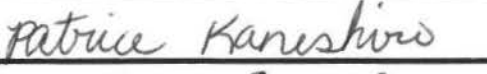



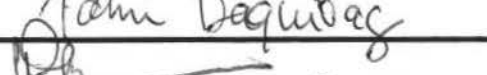


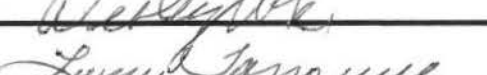
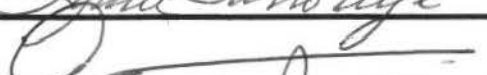

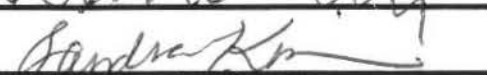
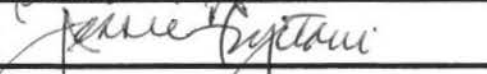



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